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Introduction

The Bible is the most popular book in the world — and one of the oldest. Its beginnings go back thousands of years, when America was a forest-covered wilderness. But while savage animals roamed over the lands where our busy cities now stand, the people of the sunny Bible lands bordering on the Mediterranean Sea already had a great civilization. They had magnificent cities; they went sailing to far countries in gallant ships; they had brave armies and fought stirring battles. Their famous men — Noah, Joseph, Saul and Moses (whose brave fight with an Egyptian bully is shown on the cover) were not only strong and daring leaders, but great and good men as well.

Sixteen Centuries of the Bible

Today, most of what we know about these ancient peoples comes to us through the Bible, or rather in that part of the Bible called the Old Testament, and from which all the stories in this book are taken.

The story of how the Bible came to be written is in itself romantic. To write it took over 1600 years. The Bible is really a whole library between the covers of one book. That is because it is the work of many devout men, who through long ages wrote down events in the Bible lands: the songs of the people, the chronicles of powerful kings and princes, of the Children of Israel and their flight to freedom, of rich cities being built, of right triumphing over wrong, and of the endless search of the Hebrew people for the true God, whom both Christians and Jews in the modern world worship today.

How the Bible Was Written

When the Bible was written, there were no printed books. The story of Noah and his ark, of lovely Esther and her loyalty, of Jonah and his submarine ride inside a live whale, of sweet-faced Ruth gathering barley and winning a husband, were all lettered with brushes or quills on sheepskin, in the strange characters of both the old Hebrew and the Aramaic languages. Instead of pages such as our modern books have, the pieces of sheepskin were fastened together, top to bottom, — yards and yards of them — and the whole was rolled up into a scroll like a small bolt of cloth, and tied together with leather strings.

But the Bible did not really come into general use until the invention of printing by Johann Gutenberg about the year 1450. When books had to be written out by hand, they were both scarce and costly. No one but a very wealthy person could own a book. But

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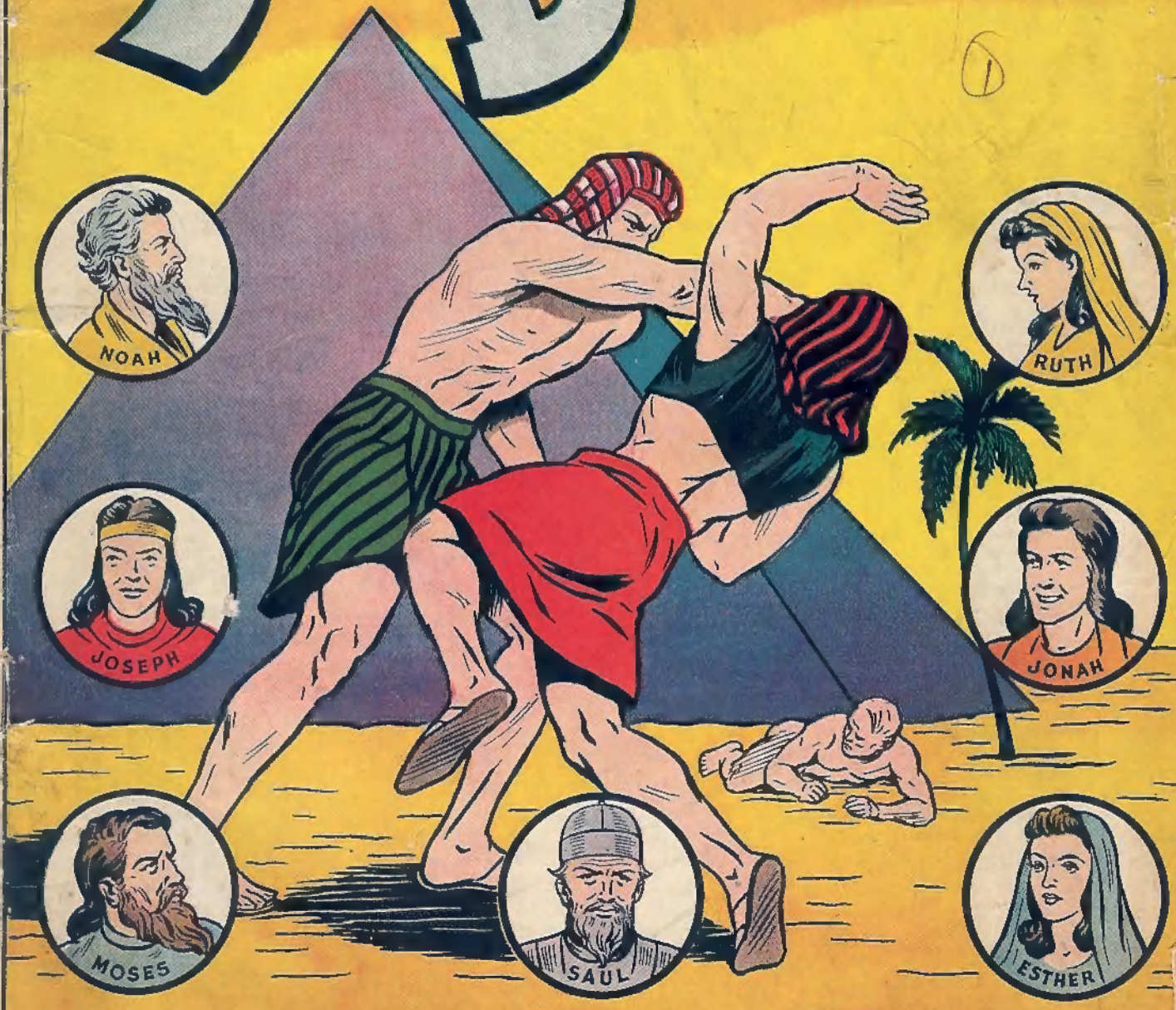

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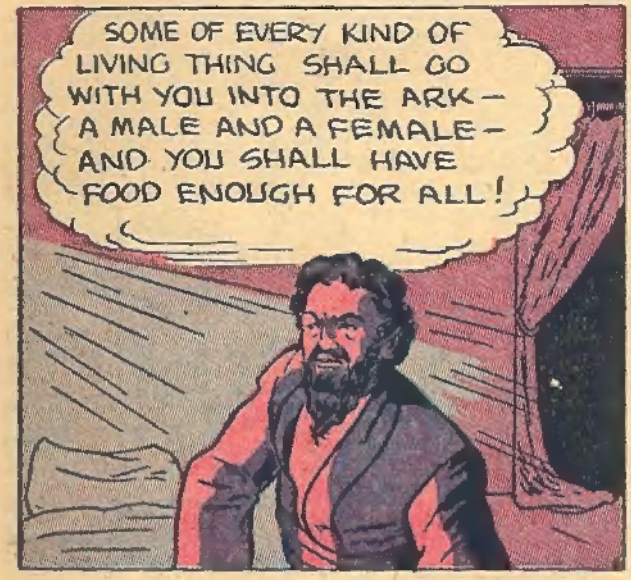

SOME OF EVERY KIND OF LIVING THING SHALL GO WITH YOU INTO THE ARK— A MALE AND A FEMALE— AND YOU SHALL HAVE FOOD ENOUGH FOR ALL!

NOAH AND HIS SONS, WENT TO WORK AT ONCE, TO BUILD THE ARK---

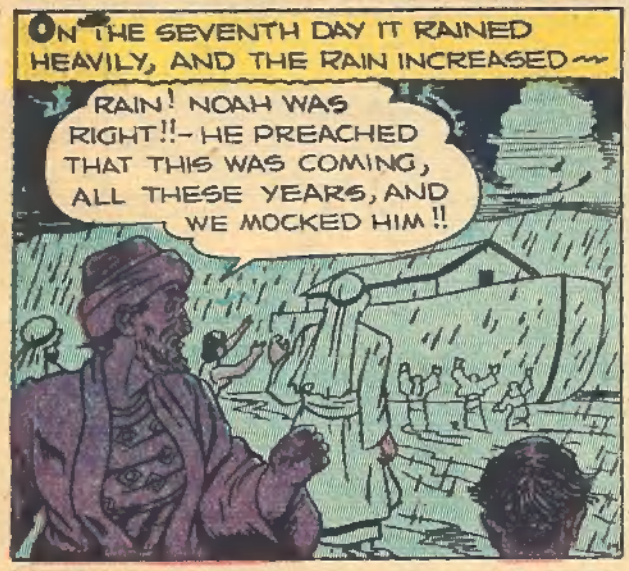
NOW, THAT THE ARK IS FINISHED, WE MUST ROUND UP SOME OF EVERY CREATURE ON THE EARTH, AND LEAD THEM INTO THE ARK!

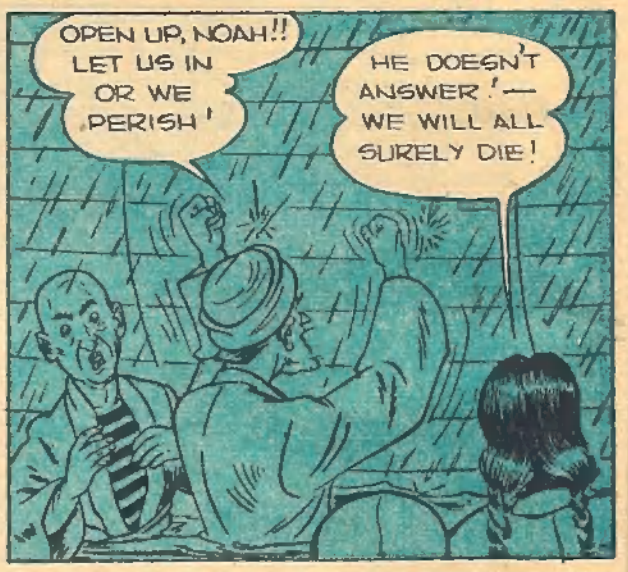
AFTER SEVEN DAYS, ALL WAS READY ---
I HAVE OBEYED THE LORD, AND ALL MY FAMILY, AND SOME OF EVERY CREATURE ARE WITHIN!

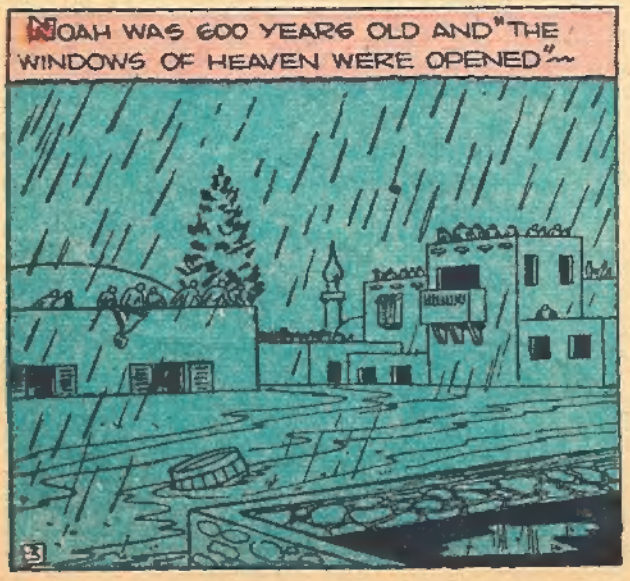
MEANWHILE, IN THE NEARBY TOWN ---
HEAR THE LATEST, MEN?- CRAZY OLD NOAH'S GOT HIS RELATIVES SHUT IN HIS ARK WITH HIM!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?
HEE! SAME THING THAT'S WRONG WITH ME-OLD AGE!

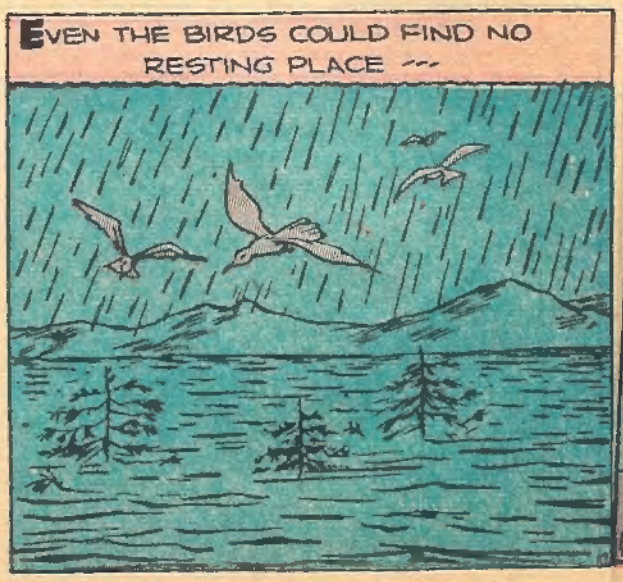
THE OLD FOOL'S CRAZY! - SAYS THE LORD ORDERED HIM INTO THE ARK - SAYS THE LORD IS SENDING A FLOOD TO DESTROY US NAUGHTY WICKED PEOPLE! HEE! HEE! HEE!
LET'S GO WATCH HIM!

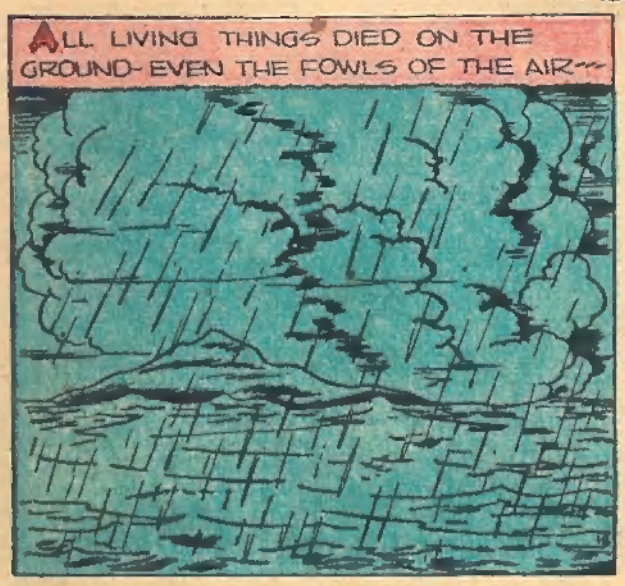
HEE, HEE, HEE, IT TOOK THE OLD FOOL A HUNDRED YEARS TO BUILD IT! - IT'LL TAKE ANOTHER HUNDRED OR TWO TO GET IT TO FLOAT!!
HO! HO! THIS IS THE SEVENTH DAY - THE DAY IT'S SUPPOSED TO RAIN! - HO! WHERE IS IT?
WAIT!

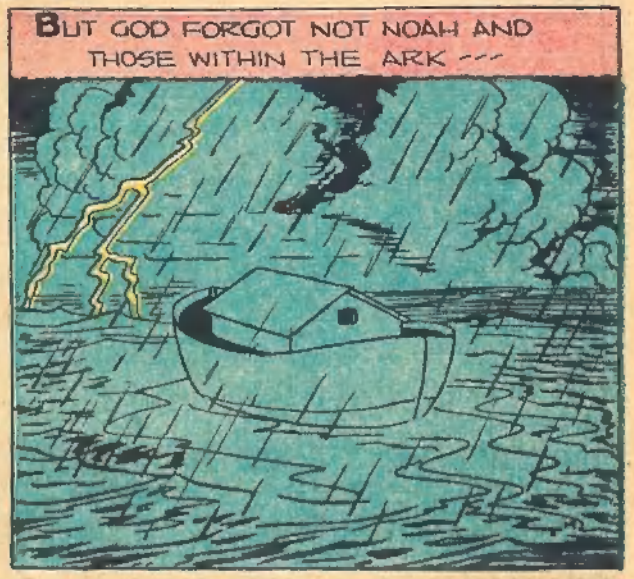

ON THE SEVENTH DAY IT RAINED HEAVILY, AND THE RAIN INCREASED ~~
RAIN! NOAH WAS RIGHT!! - HE PREACHED THAT THIS WAS COMING, ALL THESE YEARS, AND WE MOCKED HIM!!

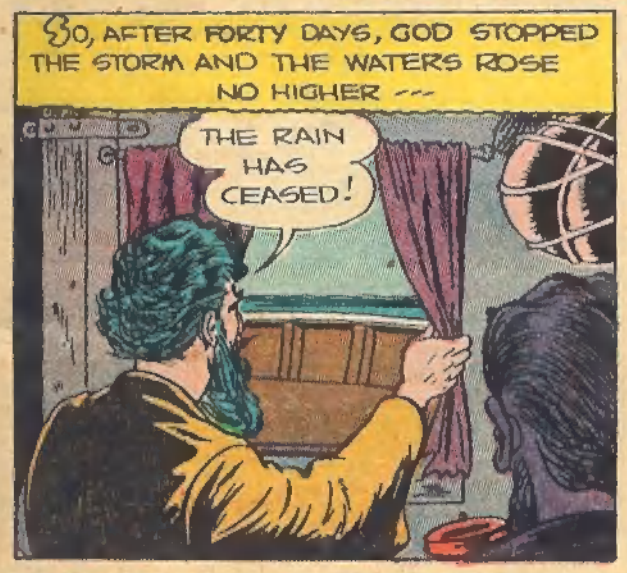

OPEN UP, NOAH!! LET US IN OR WE PERISH!
HE DOESN'T ANSWER! — WE WILL ALL SURELY DIE!


NOAH WAS 600 YEARS OLD AND "THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WERE OPENED" ~~

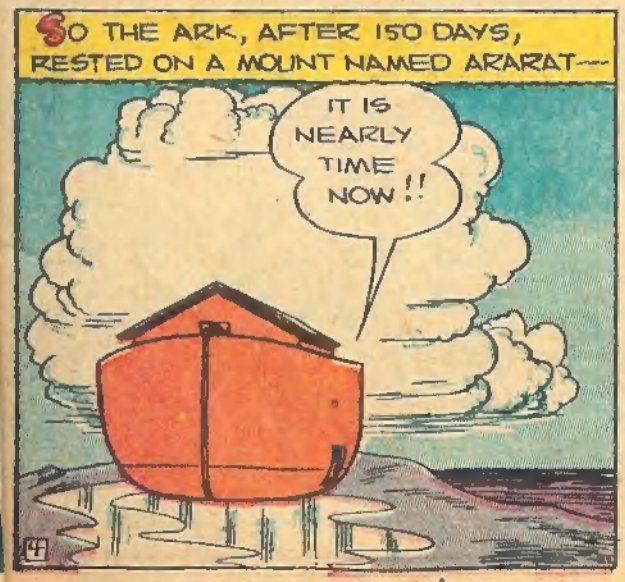

EVEN THE BIRDS COULD FIND NO RESTING PLACE ~~


ALL LIVING THINGS DIED ON THE GROUND- EVEN THE FOWLS OF THE AIR---

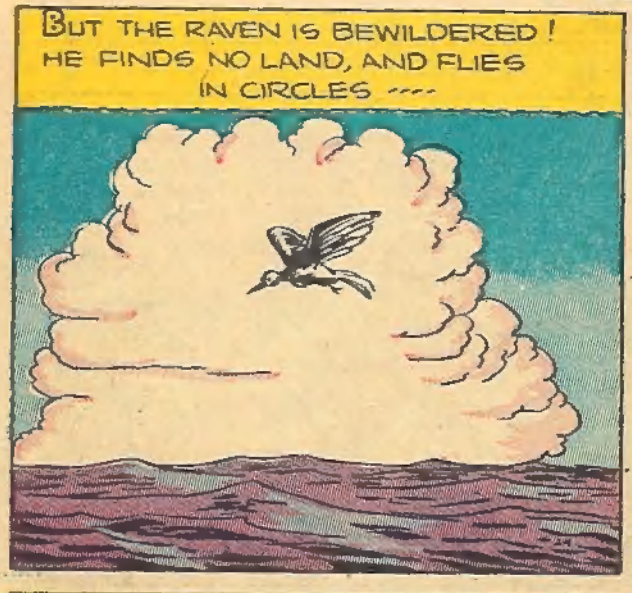

BUT GOD FORGOT NOT NOAH AND THOSE WITHIN THE ARK ---


SO, AFTER FORTY DAYS, GOD STOPPED THE STORM AND THE WATERS ROSE NO HIGHER ---
THE RAIN HAS CEASED!

SHEM, THE BOTTOM OF THE ARK HAS TOUCHED SOMETHING! IT MUST BE LAND!-IT HAS BEEN 150 DAYS SINCE LAND HAS BEEN SEEN!

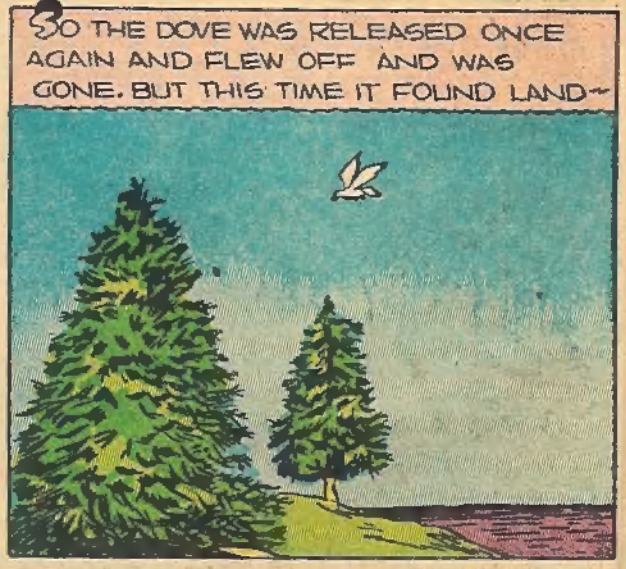

SO THE ARK, AFTER 150 DAYS, RESTED ON A MOUNT NAMED ARARAT---
IT IS NEARLY TIME NOW!!

I SHALL LET THE RAVEN GO-HE MAY FIND MORE DRY LAND!


BUT THE RAVEN IS BEWILDERED! HE FINDS NO LAND, AND FLIES IN CIRCLES ----

NOW, I SHALL SEND FORTH THE DOVE TO SEEK LAND WHICH WAS NOT SEEN YESTERDAY!

LATER, THE DOVE COMES BACK ---
WE MUST WAIT AGAIN — WE SHALL WAIT ANOTHER SEVEN DAYS!


SO THE DOVE WAS RELEASED ONCE AGAIN AND FLEW OFF AND WAS GONE. BUT THIS TIME IT FOUND LAND--

LOOK! - THE DOVE HAS BROUGHT A LEAF! - IT IS A SIGN OF LAND!
YES!

SO WE KNOW THAT THE WATERS ARE GOING DOWN, AND THAT LAND ONCE AGAIN IS APPEARING!
THEN WE MAY SOON LEAVE THE ARK AND MAKE NEW HOMES FOR US ALL!

SOON THE WATERS WENT DOWN, LEAVING THE ARK ON TOP OF MOUNT ARARAT ---

THEN GOD SPOKE TO NOAH ONCE AGAIN, AS THE EARTH DRIED UP ---
GO OUT OF THE ARK, YOU AND ALL THE REST, AND LIVE AGAIN UPON THE EARTH AND MULTIPLY!!

NEVER AGAIN WILL THE WORLD BE FLOODED- IN THIS WAY SHALL I NEVER AGAIN DESTROY THE EARTH -IT IS MY PLEDGE TO YOU, NOAH, AND YOUR DESCENDANTS!

NOAH AND HIS SONS AND THEIR CHILDREN AND ALL THE LIVING CREATURES LEAVE THE ARK ---

THE LORD SPEAKS AGAIN ----
IT SHALL BE A TOKEN TO YOU THAT MANKIND WILL NOT BE DESTROYED, BUT WILL LIVE IN HOPE OF A BETTER WORLD!!

SO THE RAINBOW OF HOPE WAS BORN AND POINTED THE WAY TO NOAH ----

SO THE WORLD WAS CLEANSED, AND THE SONS OF NOAH BUILT NEW HOMES, AND ALL THE CREATURES MULTIPLIED AND INHABITED THE EARTH...
AND GOD TOLD NOAH AND HIS SONS TO BE FRUITFUL, AND BLESSED THEM ALL, AND GAVE THEM LAWS TO LIVE BY ....
REPLENISH THE EARTH, BUT KILL YOU NOT ONE ANOTHER! - FOR WHO SHEDS BLOOD, HIS BLOOD SHALL BE SHED ALSO!
NOAH FULFILLS GOD'S COMMANDS... IN HIS OLD AGE HE PLANTS A VINEYARD!
FATHER, ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?
YES, LET US GO HOME, MY SONS!
NOAH LIVED TO BE NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OLD AND THEN HE DIED .....
WE MUST GO ON LIVING GOOD LIVES, THO OUR FATHER IS GONE. FOR GOD CHOSE HIM OF ALL MANKIND TO PRESERVE THE HUMAN RACE. WE MUST HONOR HIS NAME BY LIVING RIGHTLY!
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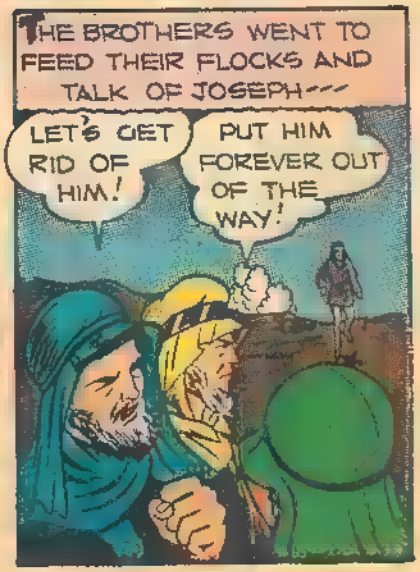
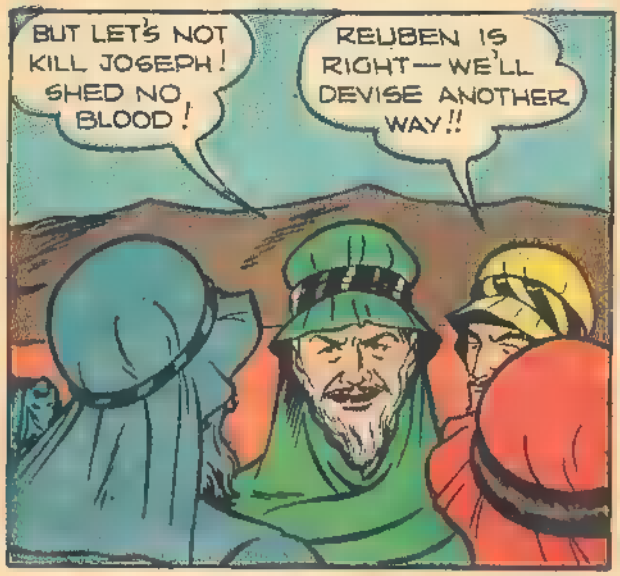
The Bible Story of JOSEPH IN EGYPT

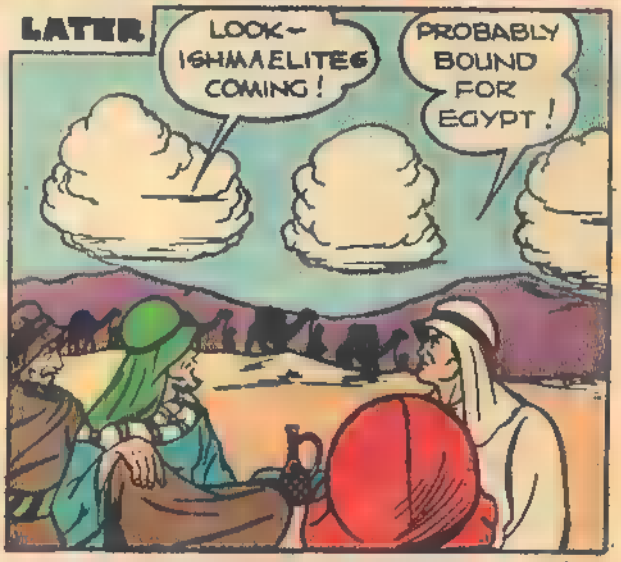
PART ONE



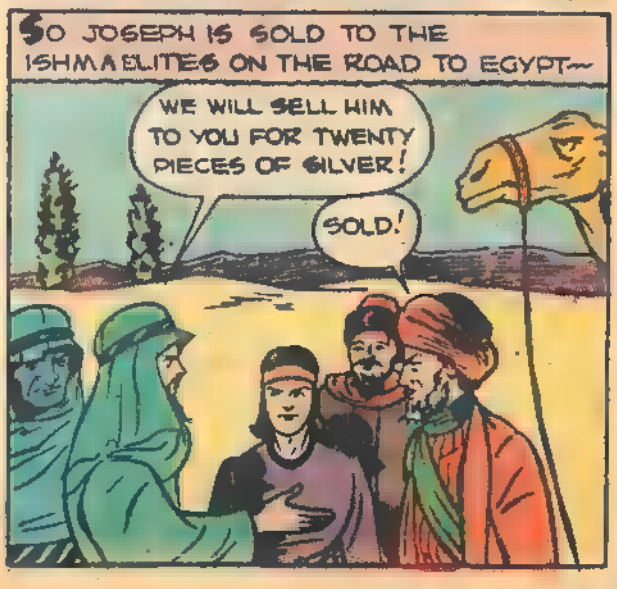

BUT LET'S NOT KILL JOSEPH! SHED NO BLOOD!
REUBEN IS RIGHT—WE'LL DEVISE ANOTHER WAY!!

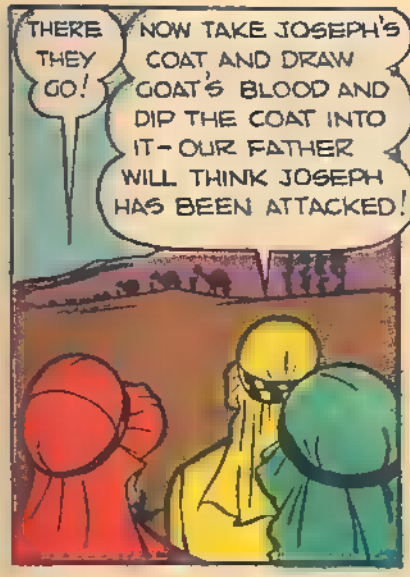
TIE HIM FIRST!
TAKE HIM TO THE WILDERNESS!
WE'LL LOWER HIM IN THE PIT AND BE RID OF HIM!

HE'S IN THE PIT—THUS IT IS DONE!
WE SHALL BE RID OF THE FAVORITE NOW! TAKE HIS COAT!

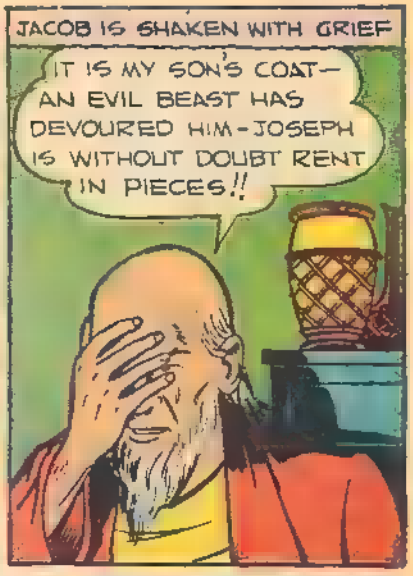

LATER
LOOK—ISHMAELITES COMING!
PROBABLY BOUND FOR EGYPT!

I'VE AN IDEA! LET US SELL JOSEPH TO THE ISHMAELITES!
FINE IDEA—THEY'LL TAKE HIM AWAY!! —HAIL THE LEADER YONDER!

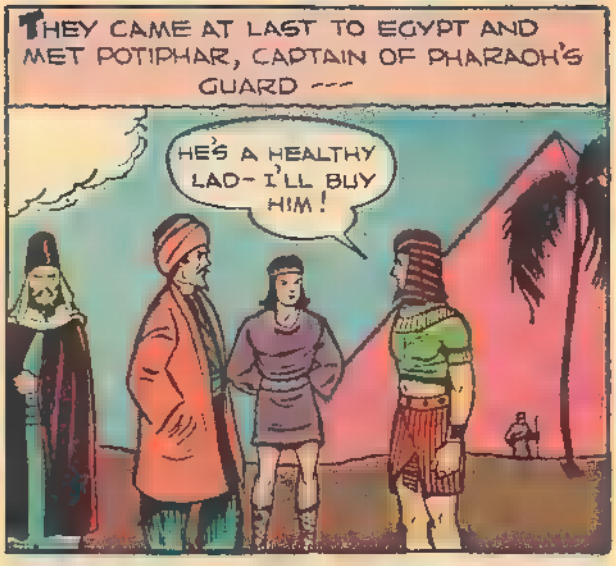

SO JOSEPH IS SOLD TO THE ISHMAELITES ON THE ROAD TO EGYPT—
WE WILL SELL HIM TO YOU FOR TWENTY PIECES OF SILVER!
SOLD!


THERE THEY GO!
NOW TAKE JOSEPH'S COAT AND DRAW GOAT'S BLOOD AND DIP THE COAT INTO IT - OUR FATHER WILL THINK JOSEPH HAS BEEN ATTACKED!

LATER - BACK AT HOME
WE HAVE FOUND THIS COAT! IS IT NOT JOSEPH'S COAT?


JACOB IS SHAKEN WITH GRIEF
IT IS MY SON'S COAT— AN EVIL BEAST HAS DEVOURED HIM - JOSEPH IS WITHOUT DOUBT RENT IN PIECES!!

NEARING EGYPT
WE SHALL SELL YOU FOR A PROFIT IN EGYPT, ISRAELITE!


THEY CAME AT LAST TO EGYPT AND MET POTIPHAR, CAPTAIN OF PHARAOH'S GUARD ---
HE'S A HEALTHY LAD - I'LL BUY HIM!

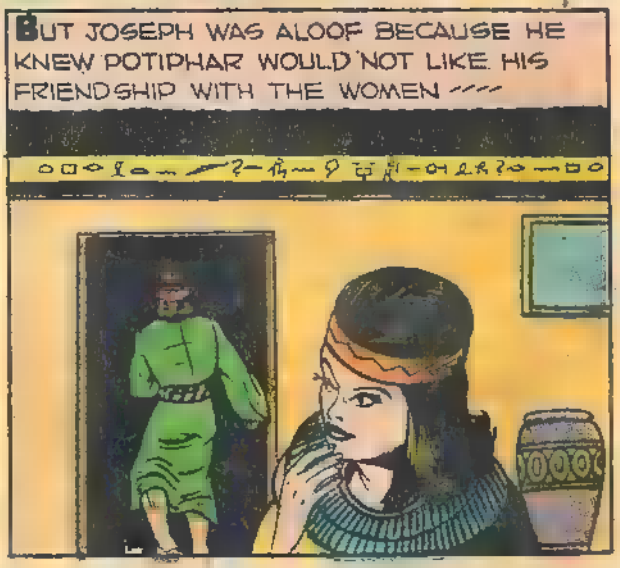
POTIPHAR TAKES JOSEPH TO THE FIELDS
DO WELL, ISRAELITE, AND YOU SHALL BE ADVANCED!

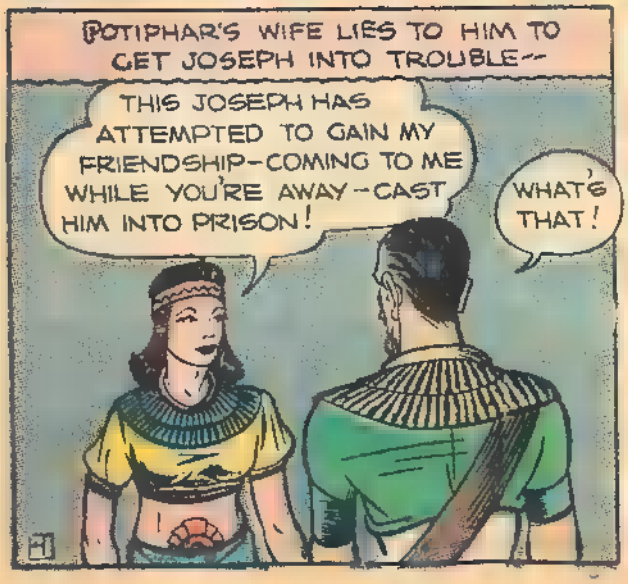
I SHALL FORGET MY ANGER AND WIN FAVOR HERE!

AS TIME PASSED, THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH AND POTIPHAR SAW THAT THE LORD MADE ALL THAT HE DID PROSPER---
YOUR PRESENCE HAS BLESSED MY HOUSE, JOSEPH, I AM MAKING YOU OVERSEER OF MY HOUSE!

AND THE LORD BLESSED THE EGYPTIAN'S HOUSE FOR JOSEPH'S SAKE AND THE BLESSING WAS ON ALL THAT HE HAD IN THE HOUSE AND IN THE FIELD---

JOSEPH GREW INTO A HANDSOME MAN AND POTIPHAR'S WIFE ATTEMPTED TO GAIN HIS AFFECTION---


BUT JOSEPH WAS ALOOF BECAUSE HE KNEW POTIPHAR WOULD NOT LIKE HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WOMEN----


POTIPHAR'S WIFE LIES TO HIM TO GET JOSEPH INTO TROUBLE--
THIS JOSEPH HAS ATTEMPTED TO GAIN MY FRIENDSHIP-COMING TO ME WHILE YOU'RE AWAY-CAST HIM INTO PRISON!
WHAT'S THAT!

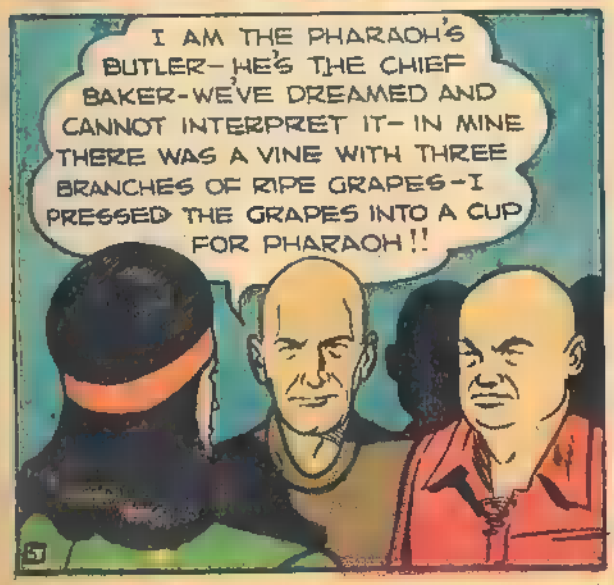
GUARD, SEIZE THIS JOSEPH AND THROW HIM INTO PRISON ON MY COMMAND!!

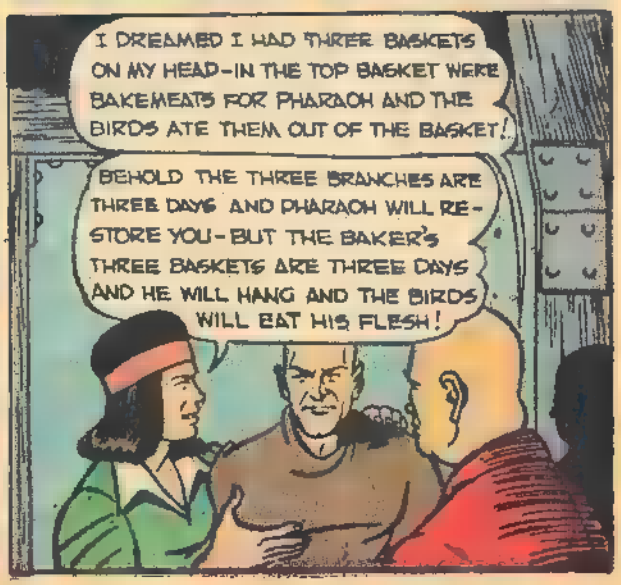
ANOTHER PRISONER, KEEPER!

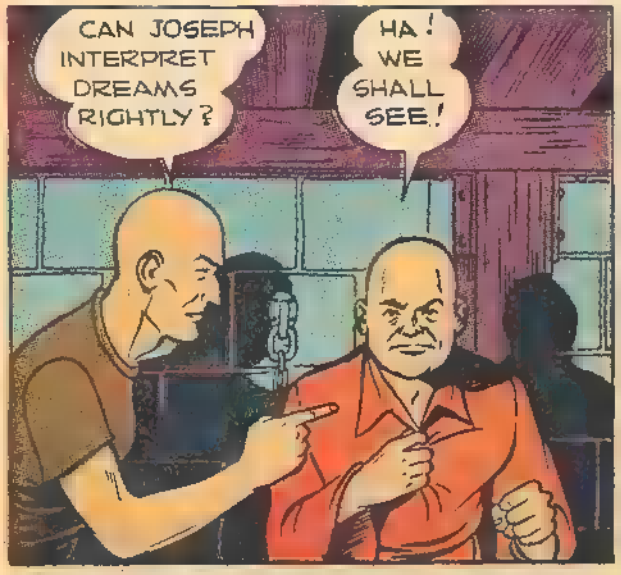
THINGS GO WRONG SO OFTEN! I AM JUST—BUT AM PUNISHED—YET MUST I BE FIRM AND GOOD!

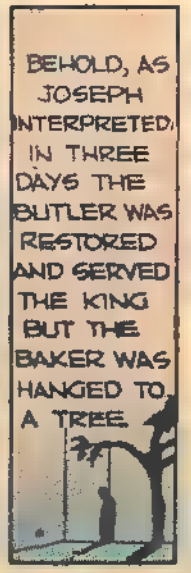
AS TIME PASSED THE LORD BLESSED JOSEPH IN PRISON—HE WAS MADE ASSISTANT TO THE JAILOR ----
SINCE YOU'VE BEEN HERE WE'VE ALL BEEN BLESSED—I'M PLACING THE PRISONERS IN YOUR CARE!

LATER---
WHY ARE YOU SO SAD?

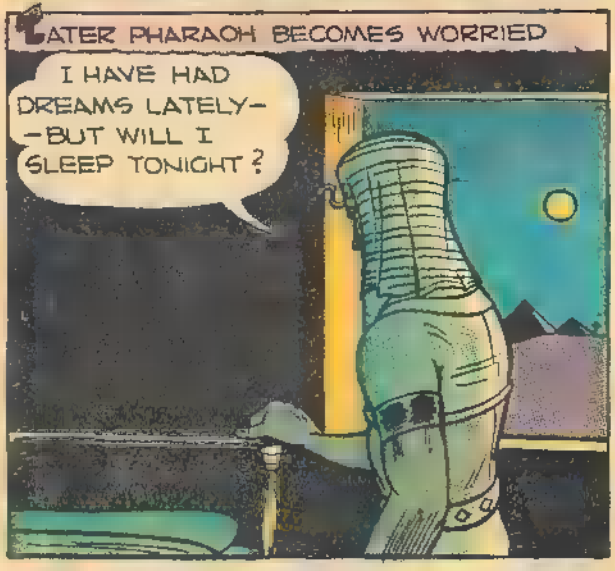

I AM THE PHARAOH'S BUTLER—HE'S THE CHIEF BAKER—WE'VE DREAMED AND CANNOT INTERPRET IT—IN MINE THERE WAS A VINE WITH THREE BRANCHES OF RIPE GRAPES—I PRESSED THE GRAPES INTO A CUP FOR PHARAOH!!


I DREAMED I HAD THREE BASKETS ON MY HEAD—IN THE TOP BASKET WERE BAKEMEATS FOR PHARAOH AND THE BIRDS ATE THEM OUT OF THE BASKET!
BEHOLD THE THREE BRANCHES ARE THREE DAYS AND PHARAOH WILL RESTORE YOU—BUT THE BAKER'S THREE BASKETS ARE THREE DAYS AND HE WILL HANG AND THE BIRDS WILL EAT HIS FLESH!

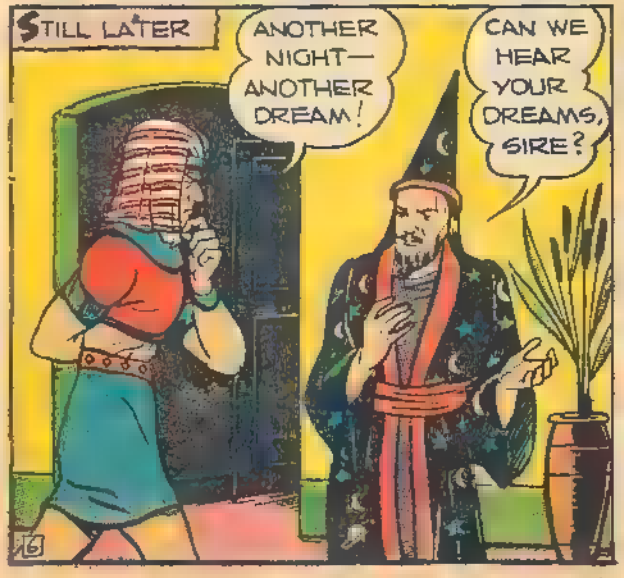

CAN JOSEPH INTERPRET DREAMS RIGHTLY?
HA! WE SHALL SEE!


BEHOLD, AS JOSEPH INTERPRETED, IN THREE DAYS THE BUTLER WAS RESTORED AND SERVED THE KING BUT THE BAKER WAS HANGED TO A TREE.

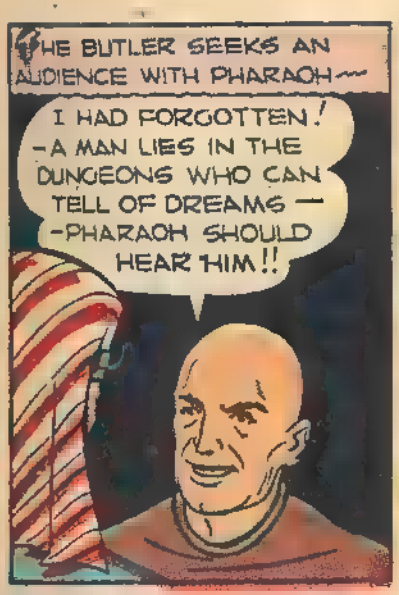
FRESH GRAPE JUICE FOR YOUR TABLE, OH MIGHTY PHARAOH!


LATER PHARAOH BECOMES WORRIED
I HAVE HAD DREAMS LATELY— —BUT WILL I SLEEP TONIGHT?

PHARAOH DID NOT SLEEP—BUT DREAMED—
THERE!—SEVEN FAT CATTLE CAME OUT OF A RIVER— SEVEN LEAN ONES RUNNING UP TO DEVOUR THE FAT!— WHAT'S IT MEAN?


STILL LATER
ANOTHER NIGHT— ANOTHER DREAM!
CAN WE HEAR YOUR DREAMS, SIRE?

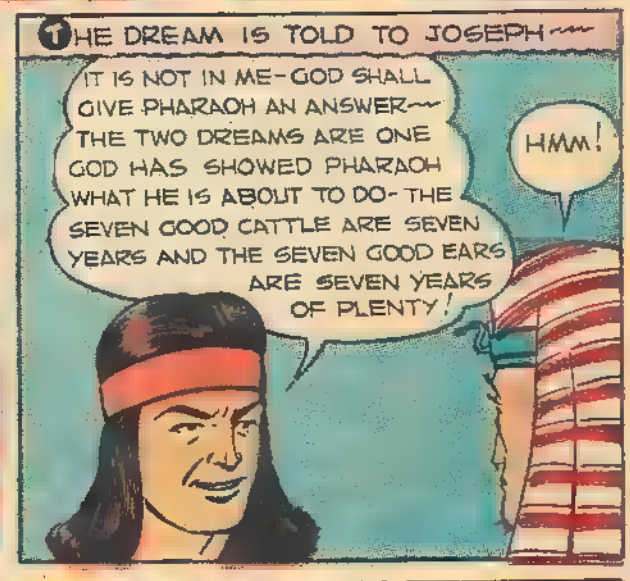
ANOTHER DREAM—SEVEN GOOD EARS OF CORN GREW UP AND SEVEN LEAN EARS CAME AND DEVOURED THE GOOD ONES!
STRANGE! YOUR SERVANTS ARE UNABLE TO INTERPRET THE DREAMS!

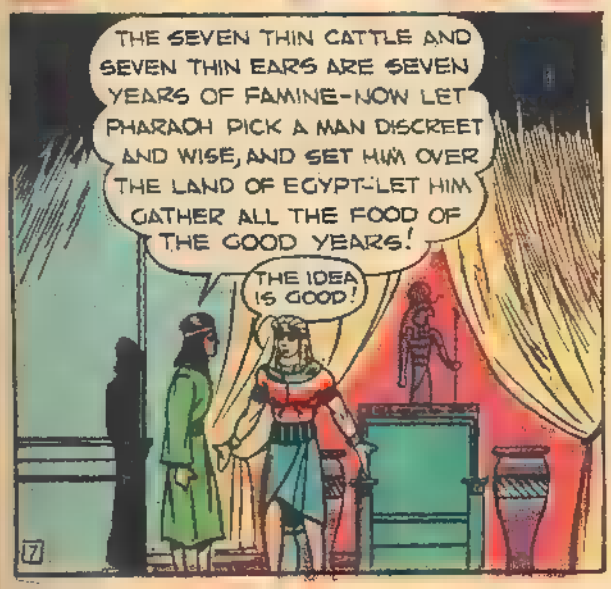

THE BUTLER SEEKS AN AUDIENCE WITH PHARAOH~~
I HAD FORGOTTEN! -A MAN LIES IN THE DUNGEONS WHO CAN TELL OF DREAMS — -PHARAOH SHOULD HEAR HIM!!

SEND FOR THIS ISRAELITE NAMED JOSEPH-IF HE INTERPRETED YOUR DREAMS HE SHALL MINE!!

THEN PHARAOH SENDS TO THE PRISON FOR JOSEPH
GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, JOSEPH-PHARAOH HAS SENT FOR YOU TO INTERPRET HIS DREAMS!!

JOSEPH STANDS BEFORE PHARAOH~~
THERE IS NONE THAT CAN INTERPRET MY DREAM BUT I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU CAN UNDERSTAND A DREAM TO INTERPRET IT!


THE DREAM IS TOLD TO JOSEPH~~
IT IS NOT IN ME-GOD SHALL GIVE PHARAOH AN ANSWER~~ THE TWO DREAMS ARE ONE GOD HAS SHOWED PHARAOH WHAT HE IS ABOUT TO DO- THE SEVEN GOOD CATTLE ARE SEVEN YEARS AND THE SEVEN GOOD EARS ARE SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY!
HMM!


THE SEVEN THIN CATTLE AND SEVEN THIN EARS ARE SEVEN YEARS OF FAMINE-NOW LET PHARAOH PICK A MAN DISCREET AND WISE, AND SET HIM OVER THE LAND OF EGYPT-LET HIM GATHER ALL THE FOOD OF THE GOOD YEARS!
THE IDEA IS GOOD!
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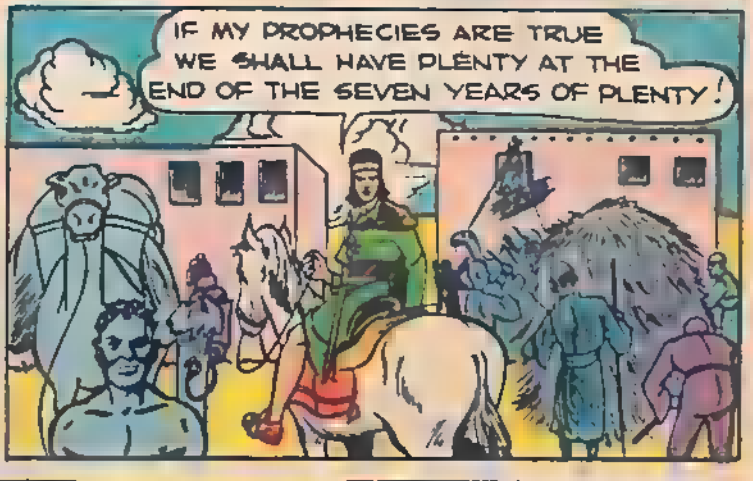
CAN WE FIND SUCH A MAN AS THIS IS, A MAN IN WHOM THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS? FOR AS MUCH AS GOD HATH SHOWED YOU ALL THIS, THERE IS NONE SO DISCREET AND WISE AS YOU ARE! YOU SHALL BE PLACED OVER THE LAND AND SHALL BE SECOND ONLY TO ME

The Story of JOSEPH IN EGYPT

PART TWO

JOSEPH - HAVING BEEN SOLD INTO SLAVERY IN EGYPT BY HIS JEALOUS BROTHERS BECOMES RULER NEXT TO PHARAOH WHEN HE ALONE CAN INTERPRET THE KING'S PROPHETIC DREAMS



ONLY IN EGYPT WAS FOOD PLENTY AND EVEN ISRAEL SUFFERED FROM THE WIDESPREAD FAMINE ~~
GO TO EGYPT AND BUY US FOOD!
WE OBEY!

BUT MY BELOVED YOUNGEST SON, BENJAMIN REMAINS WITH ME!

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS WENT TO EGYPT ~~~~

THE BROTHERS ARRIVE BEFORE JOSEPH BUT DON'T RECOGNIZE HIM ~~
YOU COME FROM CANAAN?

BUT JOSEPH KNEW THEM ~~
YOU ARE SPIES THAT HAVE COME TO SEE THE NAKEDNESS OF THE LAND!
I KNOW MY BROTHERS—THEY KNOW ME NOT!

WE ARE NOT SPIES—BUT SONS OF JACOB IN CANAAN—THE YOUNGEST IS WITH OUR FATHER AND ONE IS DEAD!

YOU SHALL PROVE YOU ARE NOT SPIES!—I SHALL HOLD ONE OF YOU IN PRISON UNTIL YOU FETCH YOUR YOUNGEST BROTHER SO I MAY SEE HIM!
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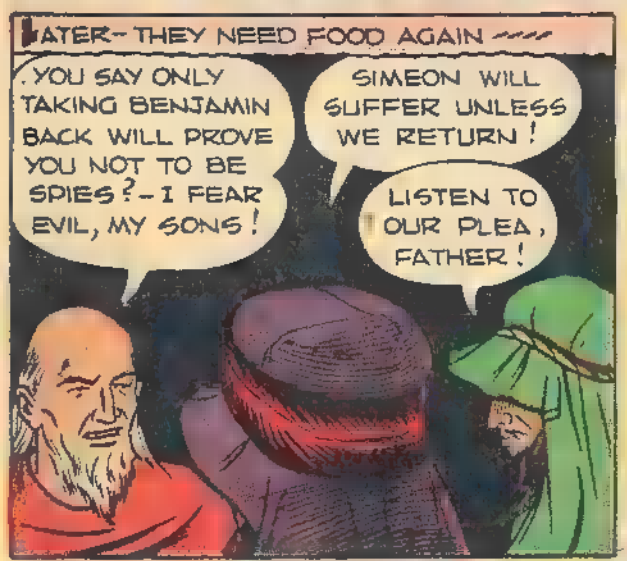
SO SIMEON IS BOUND AND SENT TO PRISON
TRULY—GOVERNOR JOSEPH IS A HARSH MAN!

LATER ~~~
FILL THE SACKS WITH GRAIN — RESTORE THEIR MONEY—HASTEN!

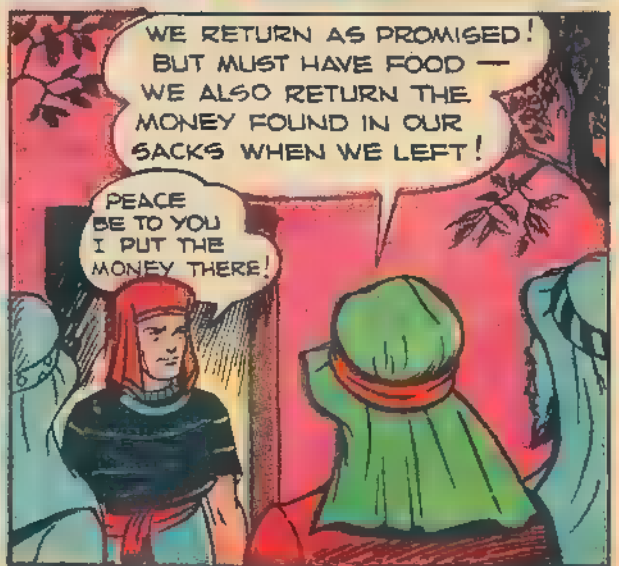
THE BROTHERS STOP ENROUTE AT AN INN AND MAKE A DISCOVERY
LOOK! MY MONEY IS RESTORED HERE!?
ALL OUR MONEY IS RESTORED!- THE GOVERNOR HAS BEEN KIND!

AFTER DAYS, THEY ARRIVE AT HOME
THE GOVERNOR TOOK US TO BE SPIES!
WE MUST BRING BACK BENJAMIN!
SIMEON IS HELD AS HOSTAGE UNTIL WE DO!


LATER- THEY NEED FOOD AGAIN
YOU SAY ONLY TAKING BENJAMIN BACK WILL PROVE YOU NOT TO BE SPIES?- I FEAR EVIL, MY SONS!
SIMEON WILL SUFFER UNLESS WE RETURN!
LISTEN TO OUR PLEA, FATHER!

SO BE IT! WE MUST HAVE FOOD- TAKE PRESENTS OF HONEY, BALM AND SPICES!
I SHALL BE SURETY, FATHER, AND TAKE THE BLAME IF HARM COMES TO BENJAMIN!

SOMETIME LATER THE BROTHERS RETURN TO EGYPT
MY BROTHERS DO RETURN! BRING THEM TO DINNER WITH ME AT NOON!!


WE RETURN AS PROMISED! BUT MUST HAVE FOOD — WE ALSO RETURN THE MONEY FOUND IN OUR SACKS WHEN WE LEFT!
PEACE BE TO YOU I PUT THE MONEY THERE!

AT NOON THEY WERE TAKEN BEFORE JOSEPH ~~
WE BRING GIFTS FROM JACOB, OUR FATHER!
THANK YOU- COME AND DINE!

FILL THEIR SACKS AGAIN WITH FOOD — BUT PUT MY SILVER CUP IN BENJAMIN'S SACK!

AFTERWARD THE BROTHERS TAKE LEAVE
NOW!—FOLLOW THEM—FIND MY CUP!!

SO GUARDS STOPPED THE CARAVAN~~
BUT HOW? OUR YOUNGEST WOULD NOT STEAL!
THAT I WOULD NOT— I DID NOT!!
IT'S THE GOVERNOR'S CUP!!

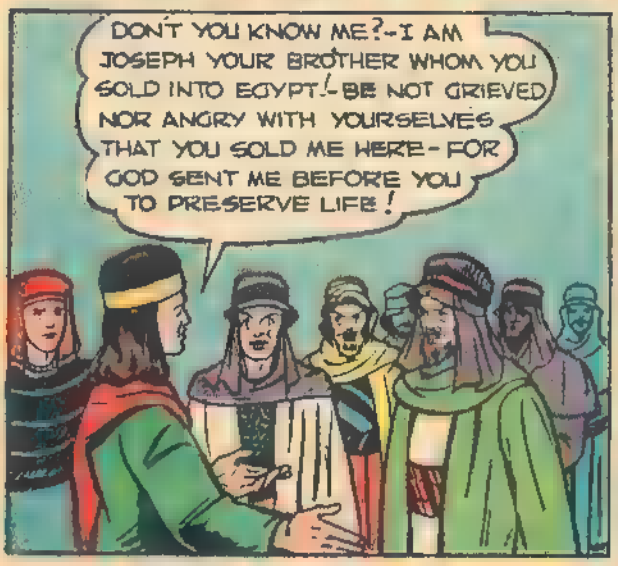
THEY ARE LED BACK TO JOSEPH ~~
WHAT SHALL WE DO NOW?
WE ARE INNOCENT— GOD WILL AID US!

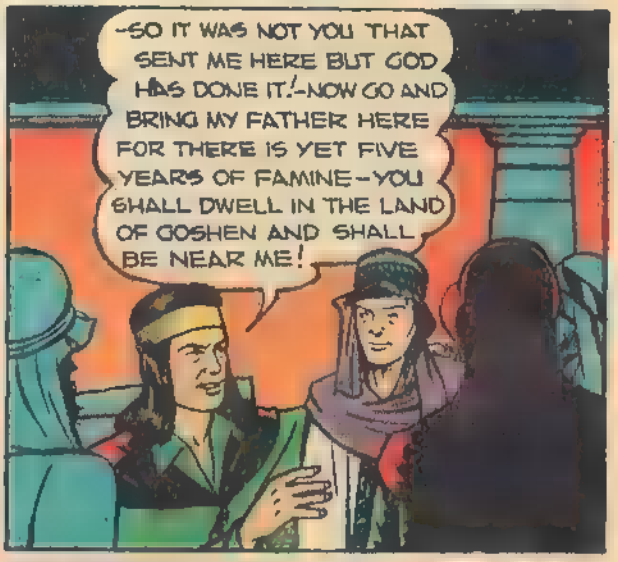
ONE BROTHER SPEAKS UP BEFORE JOSEPH

OH, MY LORD-I HAVE PROMISED TO BE SURETY FOR MY BROTHER-HOLD ME IN BONDAGE BUT LET BENJAMIN GO HOME OR HIS FATHER WILL DIE OF GRIEF!

HOW SHALL I GO BACK TO MY FATHER AND THE LAD BE NOT WITH ME? WHEN HE SEES THAT THE LAD IS NOT WITH US HE WILL DIE WITH SORROW!-HOLD ME AND LET THE LAD GO HOME WITH HIS BROTHERS!

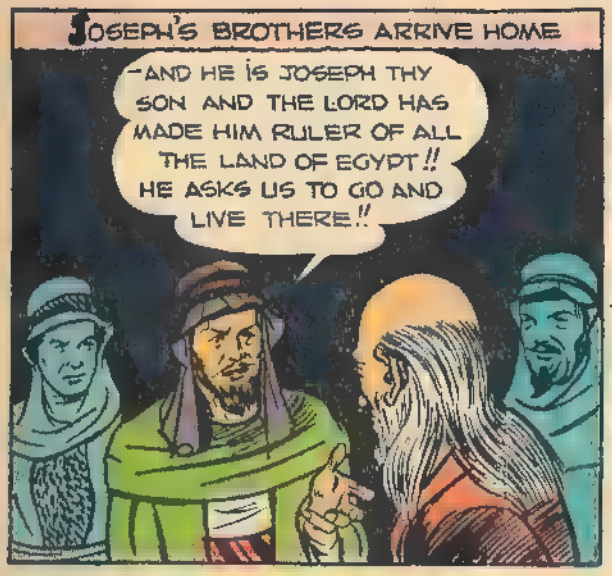
WHAT IS IT? -THE GOVERNOR WEEPS?!
PRAY SIR— WHAT HAVE WE DONE?


DON'T YOU KNOW ME?-I AM JOSEPH YOUR BROTHER WHOM YOU SOLD INTO EGYPT!-BE NOT GRIEVED NOR ANGRY WITH YOURSELVES THAT YOU SOLD ME HERE-FOR GOD SENT ME BEFORE YOU TO PRESERVE LIFE!


-SO IT WAS NOT YOU THAT SENT ME HERE BUT GOD HAS DONE IT!-NOW GO AND BRING MY FATHER HERE FOR THERE IS YET FIVE YEARS OF FAMINE-YOU SHALL DWELL IN THE LAND OF GOSHEN AND SHALL BE NEAR ME!

I SHALL BRING YOU BEFORE PHARAOH!-HE SHALL WELCOME YOU-AND OUR FATHER!

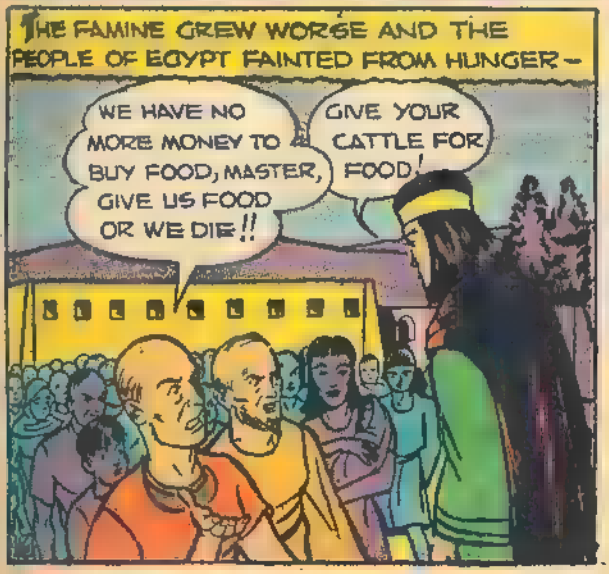
ONCE MORE THE BROTHERS GO BACK TO CANAAN ~~
WE SHALL FIND PLENTY AND JOY IN EGYPT!
AND WE HAD NOT RECOGNISED JOSEPH!!

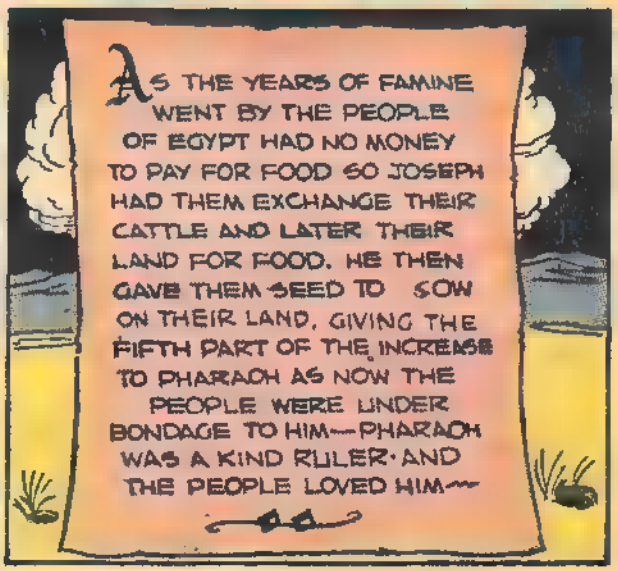

JOSEPH'S BROTHERS ARRIVE HOME
-AND HE IS JOSEPH THY SON AND THE LORD HAS MADE HIM RULER OF ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT!! HE ASKS US TO GO AND LIVE THERE!!

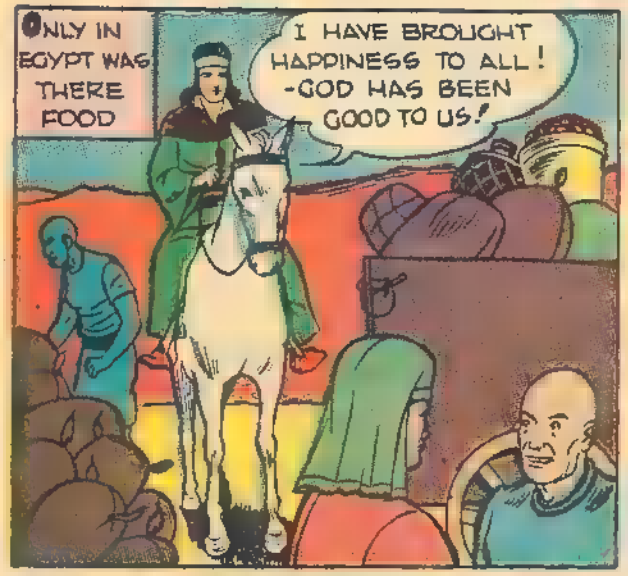
I DEPART SADLY BUT THERE IS JOY WITHIN ME FOR I SHALL SEE JOSEPH!
COME- WE SHALL GO!

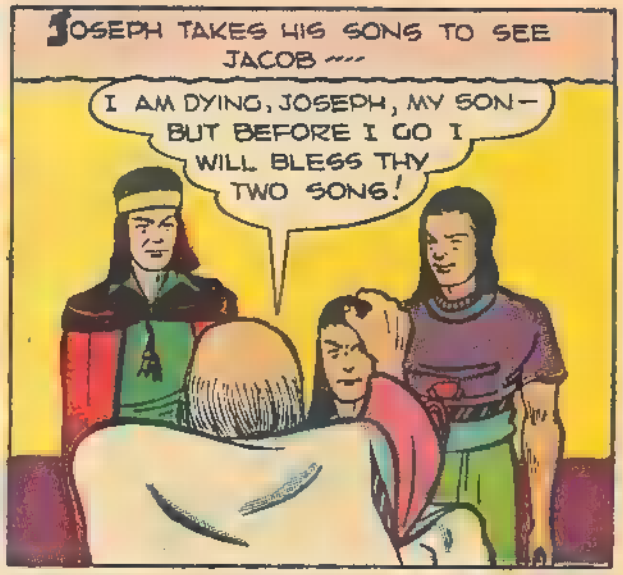
WHEN JACOB SEES JOSEPH HE WEEPS WITH JOY ~~~
FATHER, YOU HAVE COME!
JOSEPH- MY SON- WHOM I THOUGHT DEAD ALL THESE YEARS!! GOD IS GOOD TO ME!!

JOSEPH TAKES HIS FATHER BEFORE PHARAOH ~~~
THE LAND OF EGYPT IS BEFORE THEE, YOU SHALL DWELL IN THE BEST OF THE LAND!!
MAY GOD BLESS YOU, OH PHARAOH !!

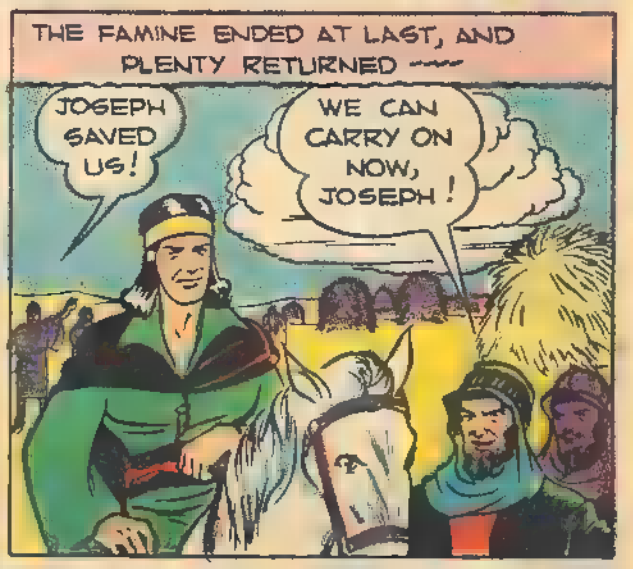

THE FAMINE GREW WORSE AND THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT FAINTED FROM HUNGER-
WE HAVE NO MORE MONEY TO BUY FOOD, MASTER, GIVE US FOOD OR WE DIE!!
GIVE YOUR CATTLE FOR FOOD!


AS THE YEARS OF FAMINE WENT BY THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT HAD NO MONEY TO PAY FOR FOOD SO JOSEPH HAD THEM EXCHANGE THEIR CATTLE AND LATER THEIR LAND FOR FOOD. HE THEN GAVE THEM SEED TO SOW ON THEIR LAND, GIVING THE FIFTH PART OF THE INCREASE TO PHARAOH AS NOW THE PEOPLE WERE UNDER BONDAGE TO HIM—PHARAOH WAS A KIND RULER AND THE PEOPLE LOVED HIM~~


ONLY IN EGYPT WAS THERE FOOD
I HAVE BROUGHT HAPPINESS TO ALL! -GOD HAS BEEN GOOD TO US!


JOSEPH TAKES HIS SONS TO SEE JACOB ~~
I AM DYING, JOSEPH, MY SON— BUT BEFORE I GO I WILL BLESS THY TWO SONS!

JACOB DIED AND THE BROTHERS CAME TO JOSEPH ~~
WILT THOU PUNISH US NOW THAT JACOB IS GONE?
FEAR NOT FOR I HAVE FORGIVEN EVERYONE!

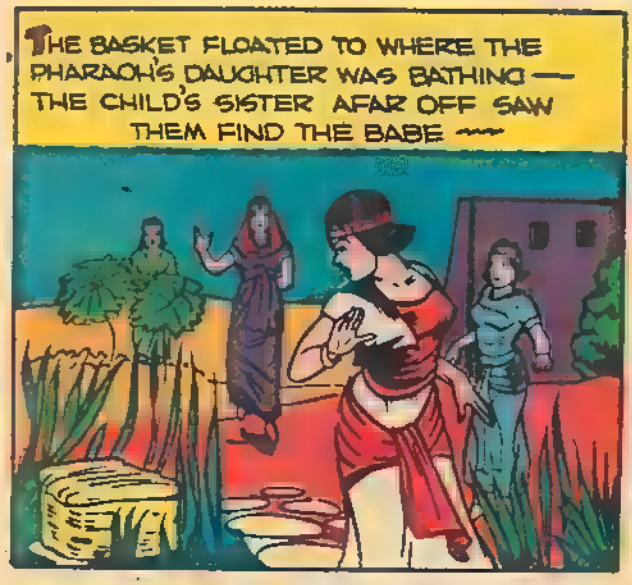

THE FAMINE ENDED AT LAST, AND PLENTY RETURNED ~~
JOSEPH SAVED US!
WE CAN CARRY ON NOW, JOSEPH!

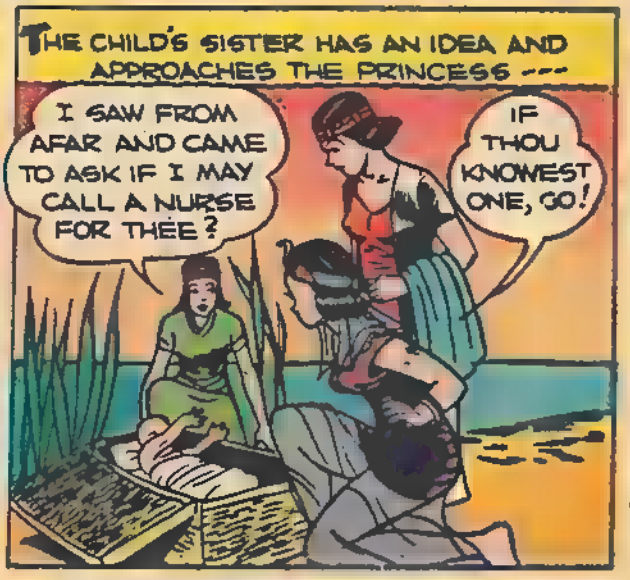
I GROW OLD, BROTHERS— SOON I SHALL FOLLOW OUR FATHER JACOB!
WE ARE ALL OLD, JOSEPH, BUT YOU'VE BEEN GOOD! YOUR NAME SHALL BE REMEMBERED!!

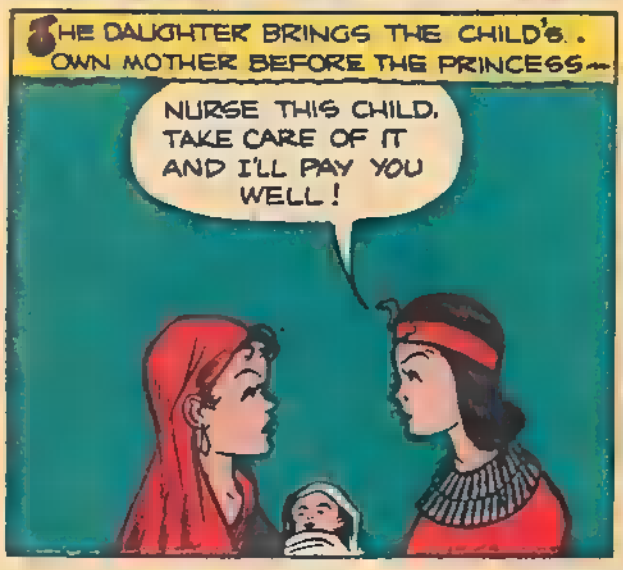
I HAVE LIVED 100 AND 10 YEARS, MY TIME HAS COME!
YOU SHALL BE BURIED IN SPLENDOR, JOSEPH, FOR ALL EGYPT AS WELL AS WE LOVE YOU!
THE END
JOHN CAMERON

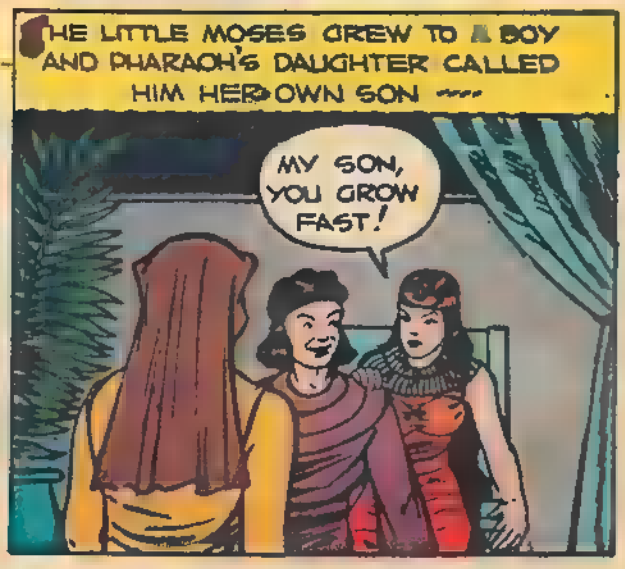
The Story of MOSES AND HIS STRUGGLE FOR ISRAEL

PART ONE — OUT OF EGYPT

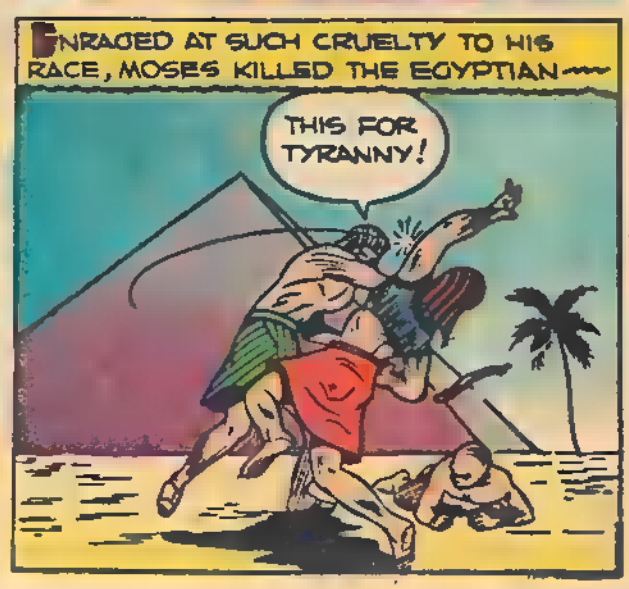

THE BASKET FLOATED TO WHERE THE PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER WAS BATHING — THE CHILD'S SISTER AFAR OFF SAW THEM FIND THE BABE ~~

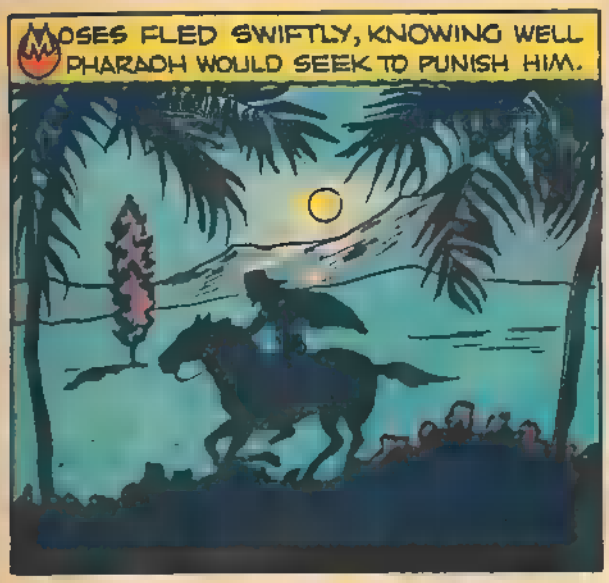

THE CHILD'S SISTER HAS AN IDEA AND APPROACHES THE PRINCESS ~~~
I SAW FROM AFAR AND CAME TO ASK IF I MAY CALL A NURSE FOR THEE?
IF THOU KNOWEST ONE, GO!


THE DAUGHTER BRINGS THE CHILD'S OWN MOTHER BEFORE THE PRINCESS ~~
NURSE THIS CHILD, TAKE CARE OF IT AND I'LL PAY YOU WELL!

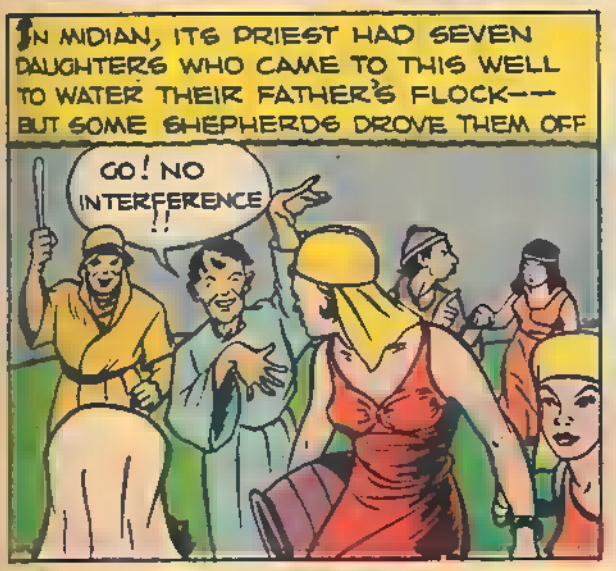

THE LITTLE MOSES GREW TO A BOY AND PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER CALLED HIM HER OWN SON ~~~
MY SON, YOU GROW FAST!

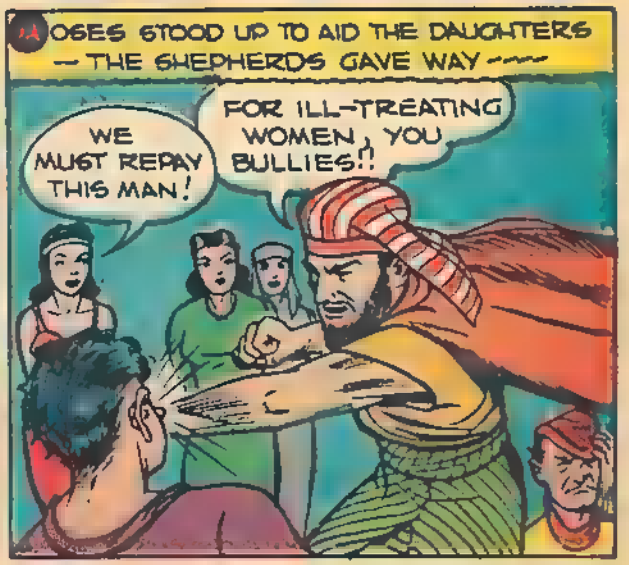
WHEN MOSES BECAME A MAN HE WENT OUT AND WATCHED HIS BRETHREN AT THEIR BURDENS AND HE SAW AN EGYPTIAN BEATING A HEBREW ~~~
VILE ONE!


ENRAGED AT SUCH CRUELTY TO HIS RACE, MOSES KILLED THE EGYPTIAN ~~
THIS FOR TYRANNY!

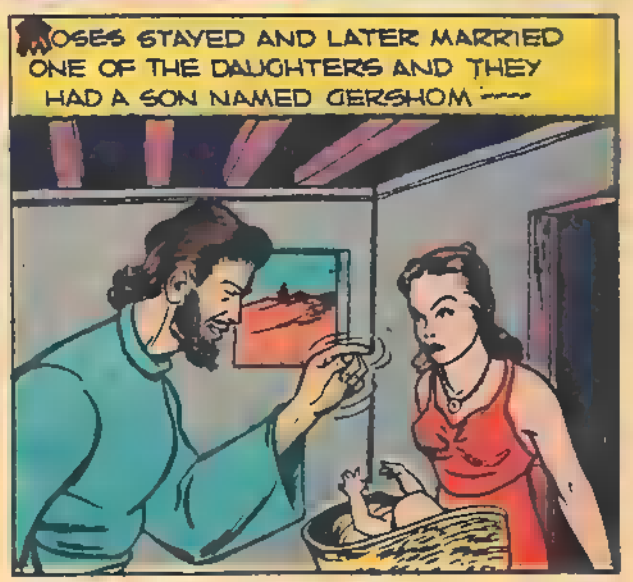

MOSES FLED SWIFTLY, KNOWING WELL PHARAOH WOULD SEEK TO PUNISH HIM.

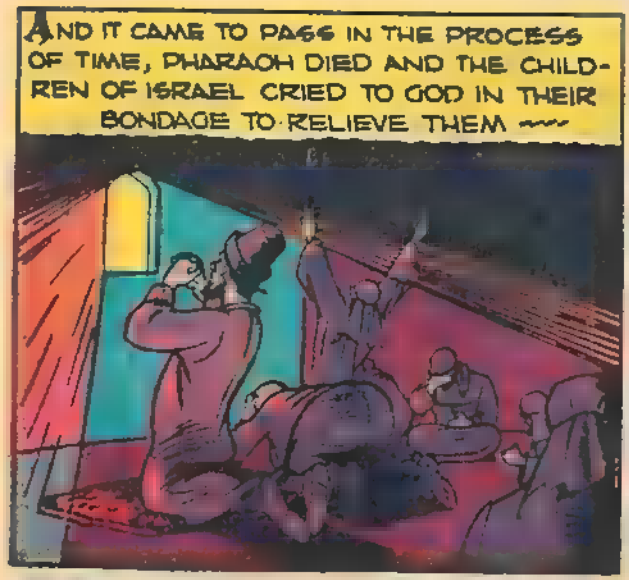
HE CAME TO THE LAND OF MIDIAN AND RESTED BY A WELL ~~
SO FAR I'M FREE— THIS WATER REFRESHES!

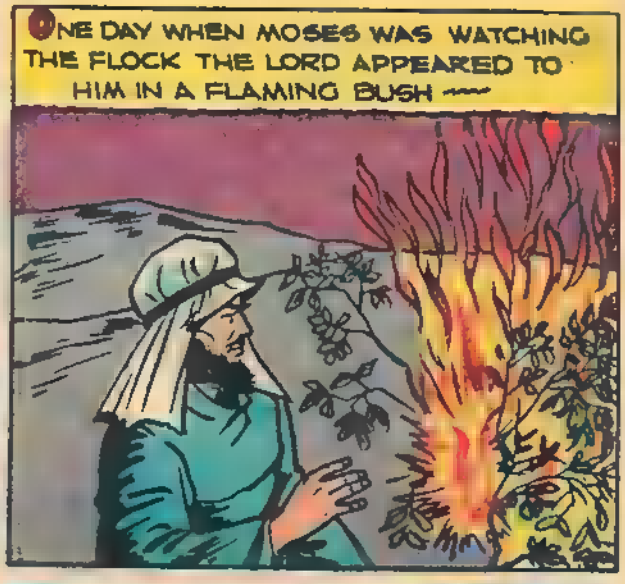

IN MIDIAN, ITS PRIEST HAD SEVEN DAUGHTERS WHO CAME TO THIS WELL TO WATER THEIR FATHER'S FLOCK-- BUT SOME SHEPHERDS DROVE THEM OFF
GO! NO INTERFERENCE!!

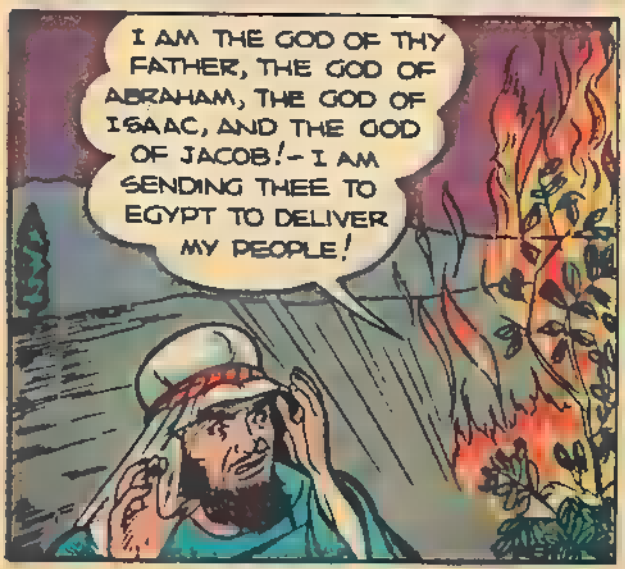

MOSES STOOD UP TO AID THE DAUGHTERS — THE SHEPHERDS GAVE WAY ~~
WE MUST REPAY THIS MAN!
FOR ILL-TREATING WOMEN, YOU BULLIES!!

MOSES IS LED TO THE PRIEST BY HIS DAUGHTERS ~~
THIS EGYPTIAN SAVED US FROM THE ROUGH SHEPHERDS AND HELPED US WATER THE FLOCK!
FINE—HE CAN STAY WITH US!

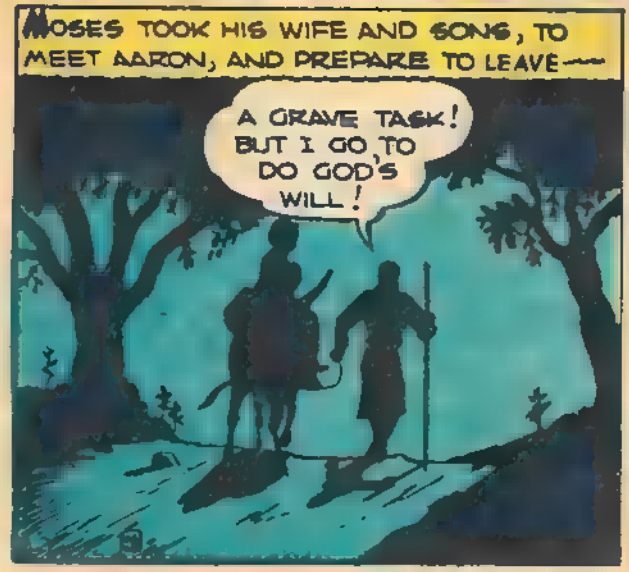

MOSES STAYED AND LATER MARRIED ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS AND THEY HAD A SON NAMED GERSHOM ~~


AND IT CAME TO PASS IN THE PROCESS OF TIME, PHARAOH DIED AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL CRIED TO GOD IN THEIR BONDAGE TO RELIEVE THEM ~~


ONE DAY WHEN MOSES WAS WATCHING THE FLOCK THE LORD APPEARED TO HIM IN A FLAMING BUSH ~~


I AM THE GOD OF THY FATHER, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB!- I AM SENDING THEE TO EGYPT TO DELIVER MY PEOPLE!

I WILL DELIVER YOUR PEOPLE FROM THE EGYPTIANS—THEY SHALL GO TO A LAND OF MILK AND HONEY! GET THY BROTHER AARON WHO SHALL BE SPOKESMAN AND YOUR ROD SHALL DO MIRACLES IN MY NAME!

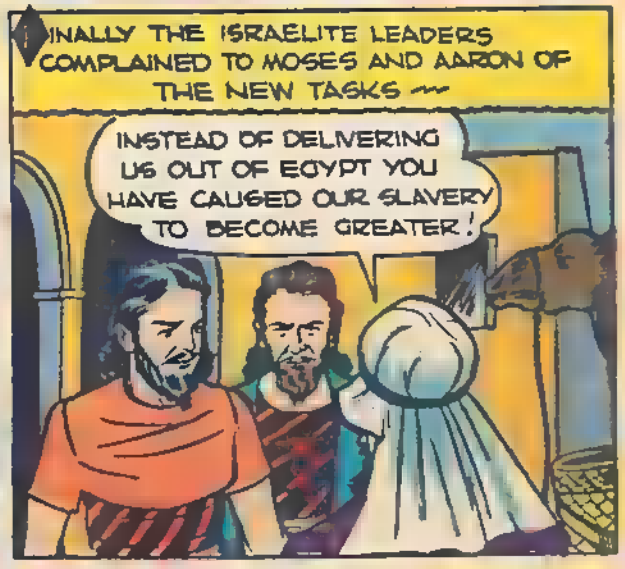

MOSES TOOK HIS WIFE AND SONS, TO MEET AARON, AND PREPARE TO LEAVE ~~
A GRAVE TASK! BUT I GO TO DO GOD'S WILL!

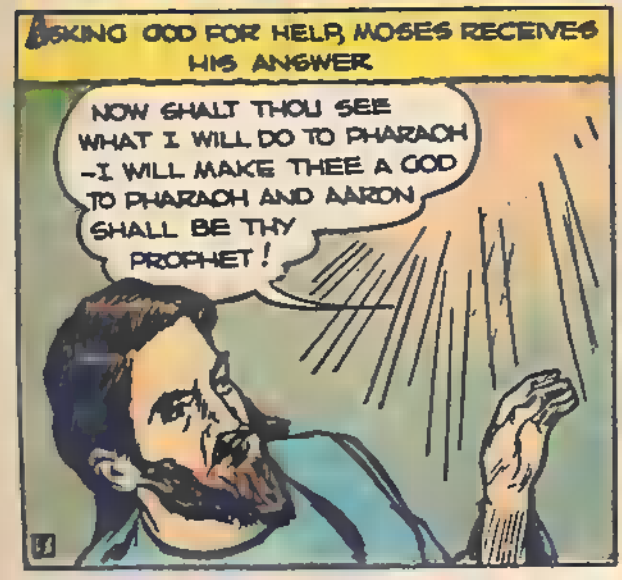
SO AARON BECAME SPOKESMAN AND TALKED TO THE ISRAELITES ~~
THE LORD HATH SENT MOSES TO DELIVER US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT!

MOSES AND AARON SEEK PHARAOH TOGETHER ~~
THE LORD GOD SAYS LET MY PEOPLE GO THAT THEY MAY HOLD A FEAST UNTO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS!
WHO IS THE LORD THAT I SHOULD OBEY HIS VOICE TO LET ISRAEL GO?

I KNOW NOT THE LORD, NEITHER WILL I LET ISRAEL GO!-MAYBE THE PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH WORK WHEN THEY WANT TO FEAST!

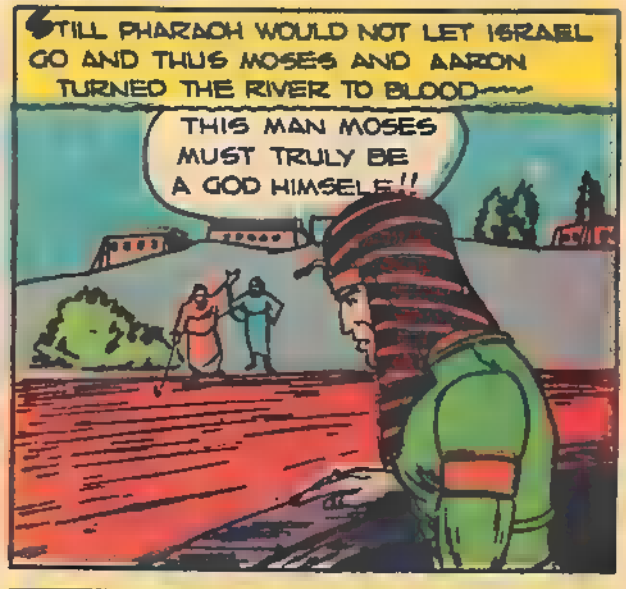
SO PHARAOH CALLS HIS TASKMASTERS
LET MORE WORK BE UPON ISRAEL- GIVE THEM NO MORE STRAW TO MAKE BRICK BUT LET THEM GET STRAW THEMSELVES!

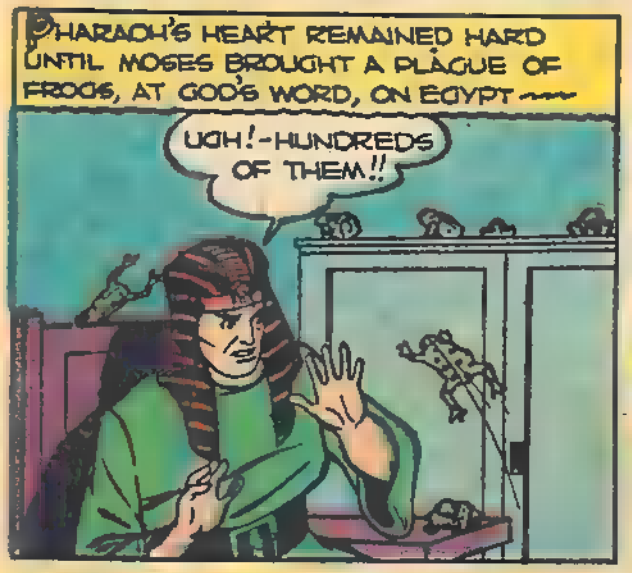

FINALLY THE ISRAELITE LEADERS COMPLAINED TO MOSES AND AARON OF THE NEW TASKS ~~
INSTEAD OF DELIVERING US OUT OF EGYPT YOU HAVE CAUSED OUR SLAVERY TO BECOME GREATER!

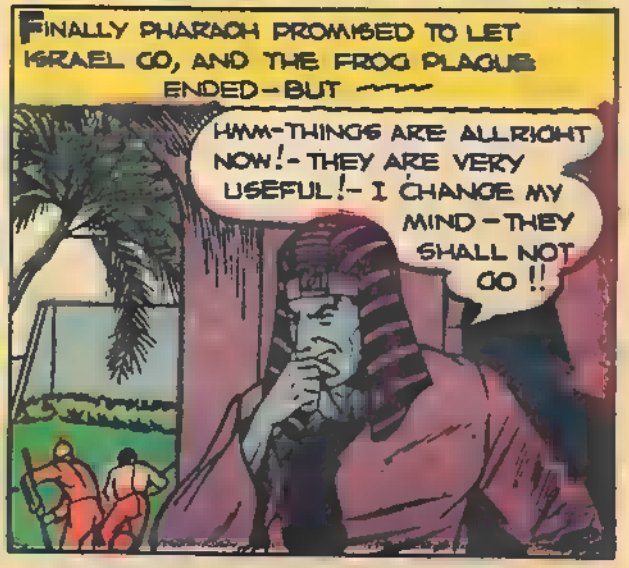

ASKING GOD FOR HELP, MOSES RECEIVES HIS ANSWER
NOW SHALT THOU SEE WHAT I WILL DO TO PHARAOH -I WILL MAKE THEE A GOD TO PHARAOH AND AARON SHALL BE THY PROPHET!

MOSES AND AARON ONCE MORE VISIT PHARAOH ~~
THE LORD ASKS THEE AGAIN, PHARAOH TO LET HIS PEOPLE GO!
SHOW ME A MIRACLE!

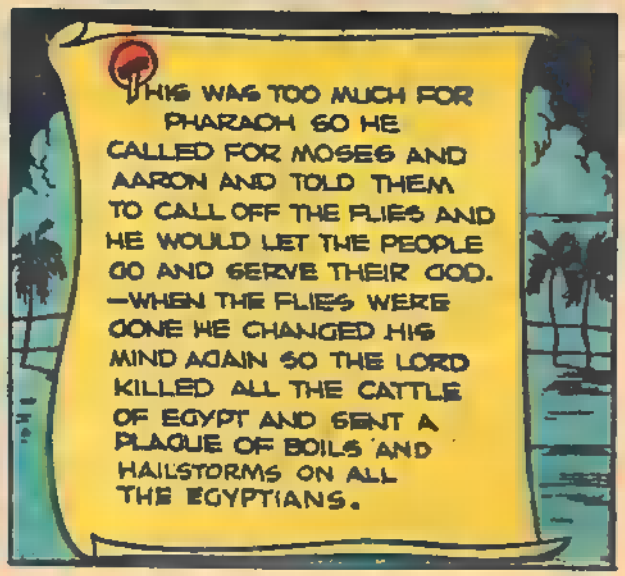
TO PROVE GOD WAS WITH THEM MOSES TOLD AARON TO CAST HIS ROD BEFORE PHARAOH-THE ROD TURNED INTO A SNAKE!

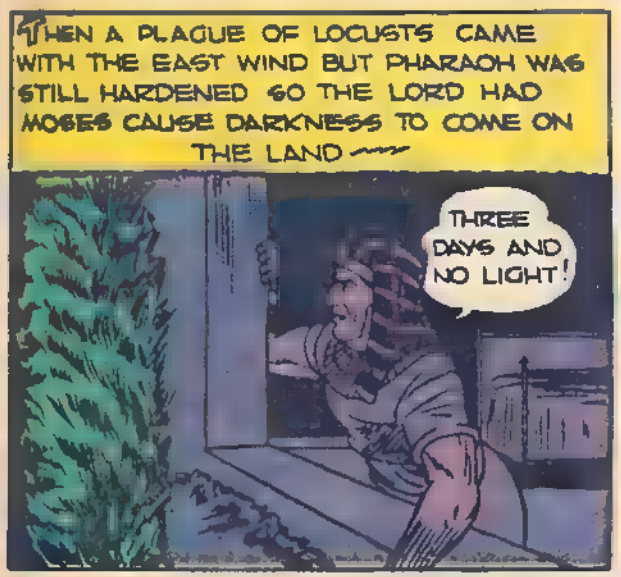

STILL PHARAOH WOULD NOT LET ISRAEL GO AND THUS MOSES AND AARON TURNED THE RIVER TO BLOOD~~
THIS MAN MOSES MUST TRULY BE A GOD HIMSELF!!

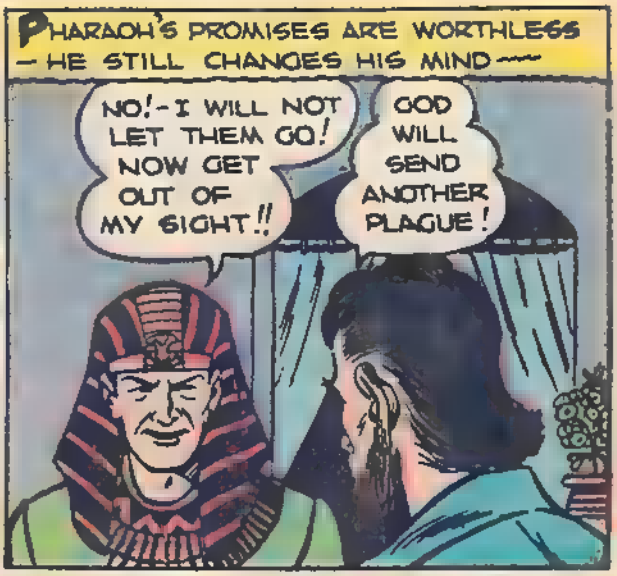

PHARAOH'S HEART REMAINED HARD UNTIL MOSES BROUGHT A PLAGUE OF FROGS, AT GOD'S WORD, ON EGYPT~~
UGH!-HUNDREDS OF THEM!!

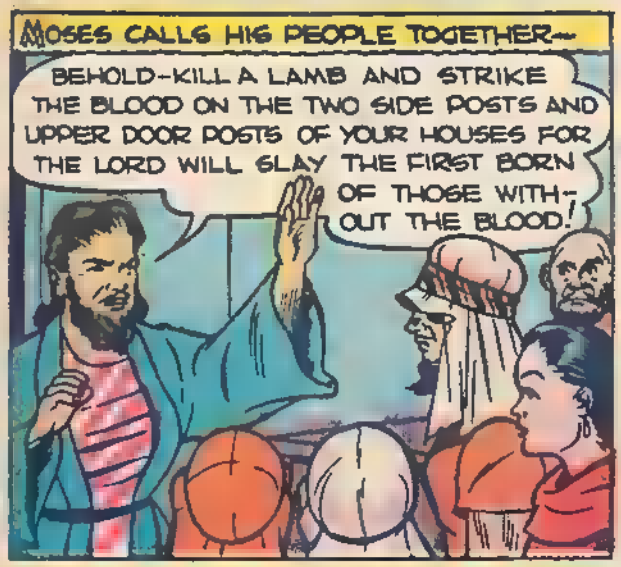

FINALLY PHARAOH PROMISED TO LET ISRAEL GO, AND THE FROG PLAGUE ENDED-BUT ~~
HMM-THINGS ARE ALLRIGHT NOW!-THEY ARE VERY USEFUL!-I CHANGE MY MIND-THEY SHALL NOT GO!!

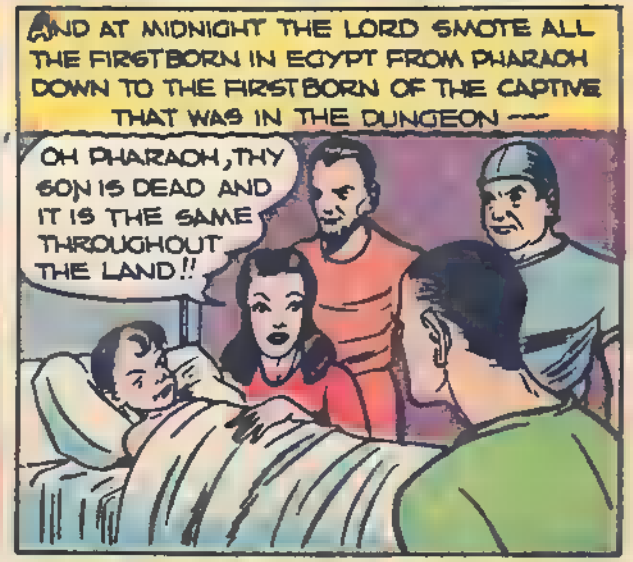
SO GOD COMMANDED MOSES AND AARON TO MAKE A PLAGUE OF LICE AND FLIES~~
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!

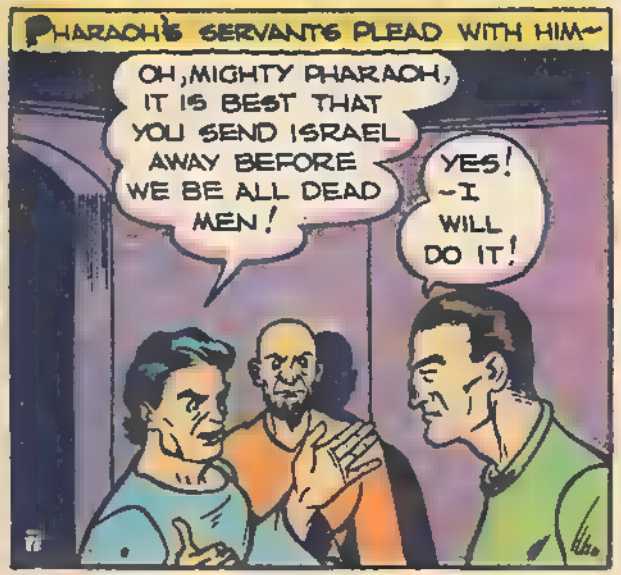

THIS WAS TOO MUCH FOR PHARAOH SO HE CALLED FOR MOSES AND AARON AND TOLD THEM TO CALL OFF THE FLIES AND HE WOULD LET THE PEOPLE GO AND SERVE THEIR GOD. -WHEN THE FLIES WERE GONE HE CHANGED HIS MIND AGAIN SO THE LORD KILLED ALL THE CATTLE OF EGYPT AND SENT A PLAGUE OF BOILS AND HAILSTORMS ON ALL THE EGYPTIANS.


THEN A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS CAME WITH THE EAST WIND BUT PHARAOH WAS STILL HARDENED SO THE LORD HAD MOSES CAUSE DARKNESS TO COME ON THE LAND ~~
THREE DAYS AND NO LIGHT!


PHARAOH'S PROMISES ARE WORTHLESS — HE STILL CHANGES HIS MIND ~~
NO! - I WILL NOT LET THEM GO! NOW GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
GOD WILL SEND ANOTHER PLAGUE!


MOSES CALLS HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER ~
BEHOLD - KILL A LAMB AND STRIKE THE BLOOD ON THE TWO SIDE POSTS AND UPPER DOOR POSTS OF YOUR HOUSES FOR THE LORD WILL SLAY THE FIRST BORN OF THOSE WITHOUT THE BLOOD!

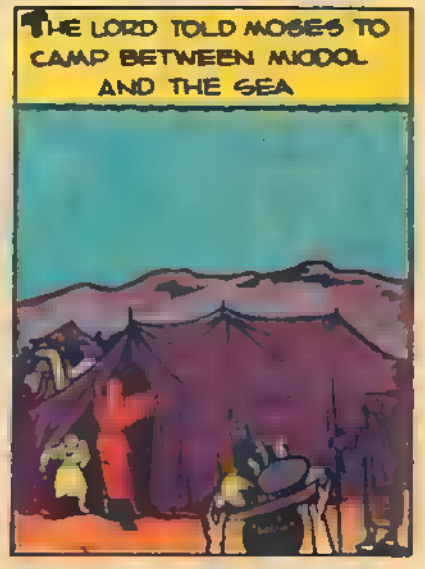

AND AT MIDNIGHT THE LORD SMOTE ALL THE FIRSTBORN IN EGYPT FROM PHARAOH DOWN TO THE FIRSTBORN OF THE CAPTIVE THAT WAS IN THE DUNGEON ~~
OH PHARAOH, THY SON IS DEAD AND IT IS THE SAME THROUGHOUT THE LAND!!


PHARAOH'S SERVANTS PLEAD WITH HIM ~
OH, MIGHTY PHARAOH, IT IS BEST THAT YOU SEND ISRAEL AWAY BEFORE WE BE ALL DEAD MEN!
YES! - I WILL DO IT!

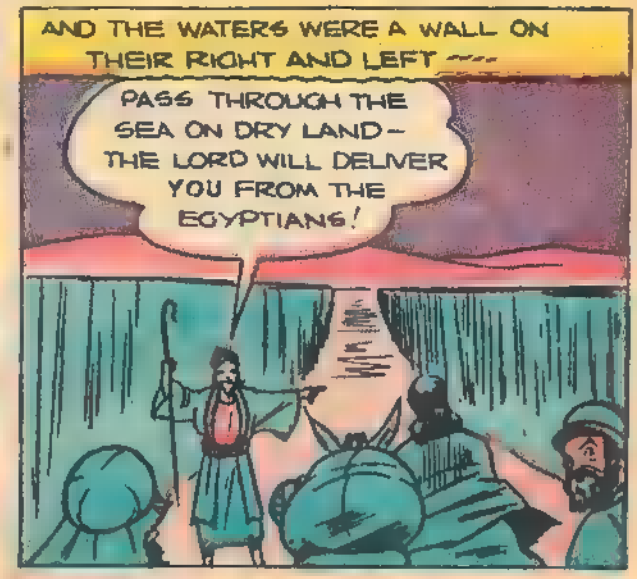
AT LAST PHARAOH RELENTS AND CALLS MOSES AND AARON ~~
- GET OUT FROM AMONG MY PEOPLE AND TAKE THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL AND GO SERVE YOUR LORD AS YOU SAID!

The Story of MOSES AND HIS STRUGGLE FOR ISRAEL

· PART TWO ·
THE PROMISED LAND



THE LORD TOLD MOSES TO RAISE HIS ROD OVER THE SEA—AND IT OPENED UP!

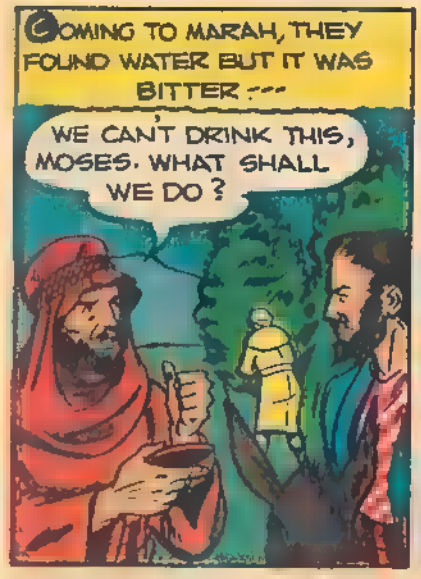

AND THE WATERS WERE A WALL ON THEIR RIGHT AND LEFT ~~~
PASS THROUGH THE SEA ON DRY LAND— THE LORD WILL DELIVER YOU FROM THE EGYPTIANS!

THE EGYPTIANS PURSUED THEM INTO THE MIDST OF THE SEA ~~~
WE'LL CATCH ISRAEL!

MOSES COMMANDED AT GOD'S WORD, AND THE SEA RETURNED TO ITS BED!
RETURN O WATERS, IN THE LORDS NAME!

THE WATERS RETURNED AND COVERED PHARAOH AND HIS HOST IN THE SEA ~~~

MOSES BROUGHT ISRAEL FROM THE SEA AND THEY TRAVELED THREE DAYS IN THE WILDERNESS AND FOUND NO WATER ~~~
BUT WE NEED WATER NOW!

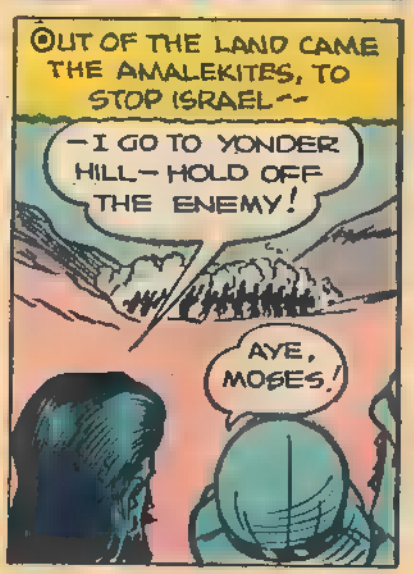

COMING TO MARAH, THEY FOUND WATER BUT IT WAS BITTER ---
WE CAN'T DRINK THIS, MOSES. WHAT SHALL WE DO?

THE LORD SHOWED MOSES A TREE WHICH, WHEN CAST IN THE WATER, THE WATER WAS MADE SWEET ---

SO THEY CAME TO ELIM, WHERE WERE 12 WELLS, AND CAMPED ---
HERE WE SHALL REST-BE SAFE FOR AWHILE!

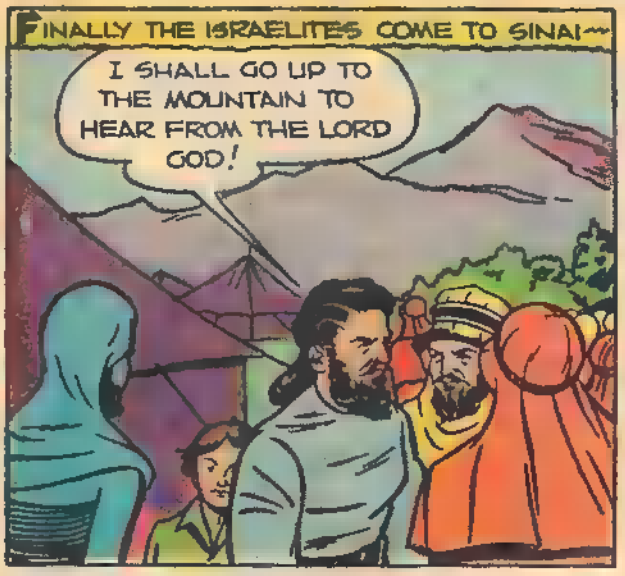
LATER, THE ISRAELITES JOURNEYED ON TOWARD SINAI ---
WE NEED BREAD!
GOD WILL GIVE MOSES POWER TO GIVE US BREAD!

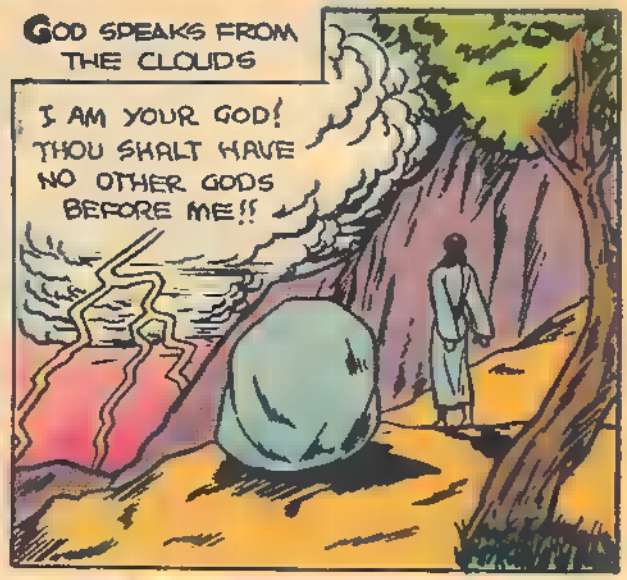
MOSES OVERCOMES ALL TROUBLES ---
YOU ASK FOR WATER! ROCK OF HOREB YIELDS THRU GOD'S POWER!!


OUT OF THE LAND CAME THE AMALEKITES, TO STOP ISRAEL --
-I GO TO YONDER HILL- HOLD OFF THE ENEMY!
AYE, MOSES!

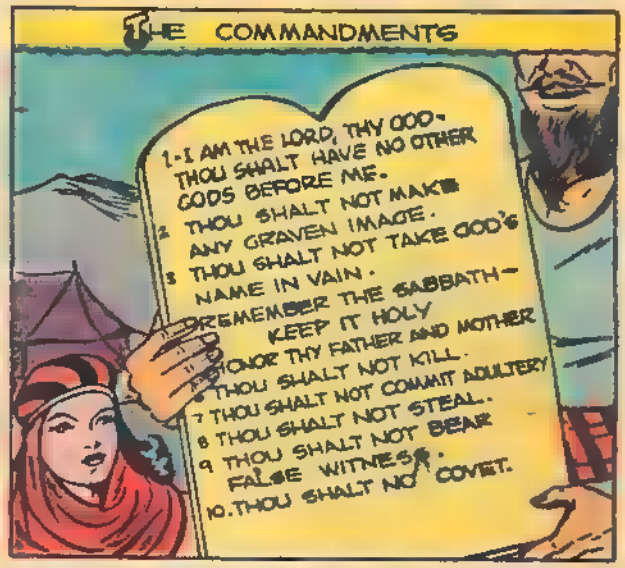
WHEN MOSES RAISES HIS ARM, THE AMALEKITES RETREAT - HE DROPS HIS ARM, THEY COME BACK!!
AARON! HUR! MY ARM TIRES! HOLD IT UP- SO LONG AS IT'S UP, WE WIN!!
COMING, MOSES!

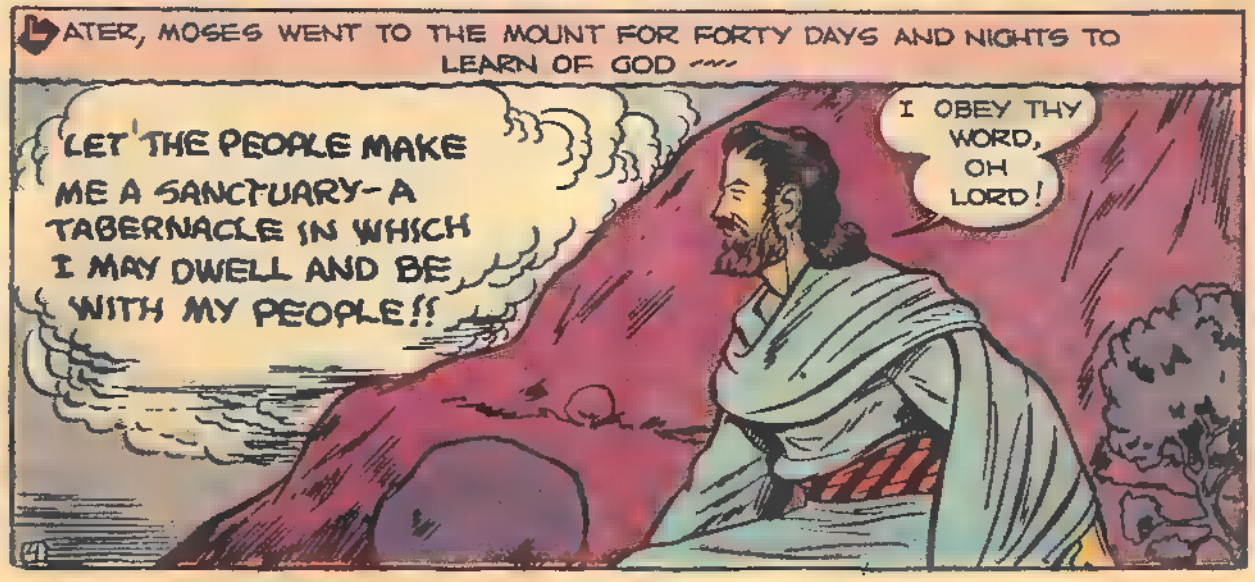
HOURS LATER---
THEY FLEE! ISRAEL TRIUMPHS AGAIN!


FINALLY THE ISRAELITES COME TO SINAI~
I SHALL GO UP TO THE MOUNTAIN TO HEAR FROM THE LORD GOD!

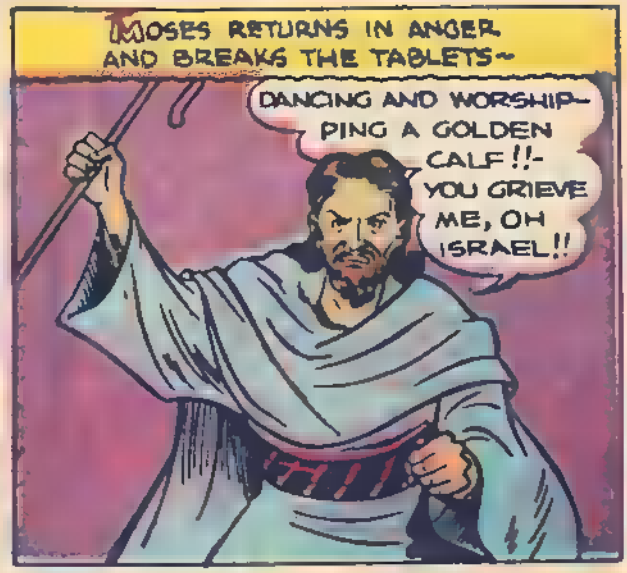

GOD SPEAKS FROM THE CLOUDS
I AM YOUR GOD! THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME!!

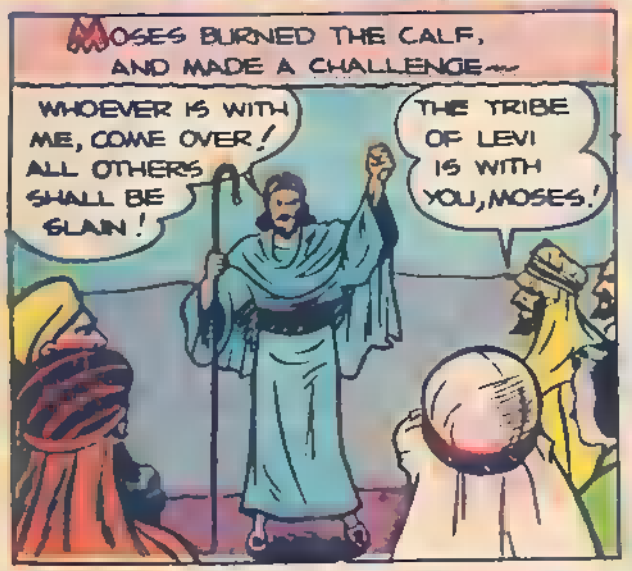
AND SO MOSES RECEIVED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON THE MOUNT AND BROUGHT THEM DOWN, ON TABLETS TO ISRAEL ~~~
THE WORDS OF GOD ARE HERE WRITTEN – TEN COMMANDS HE GIVES TO ALL!

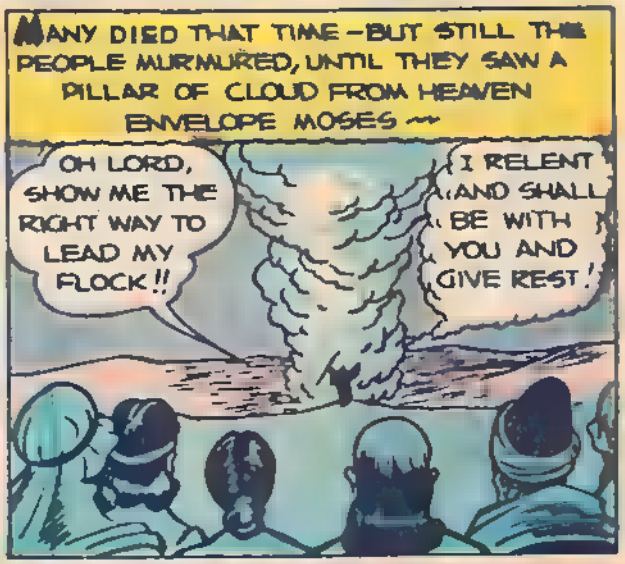

THE COMMANDMENTS
1-I AM THE LORD, THY GOD- THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2 THOU SHALT NOT MAKE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE.
3 THOU SHALT NOT TAKE GOD'S NAME IN VAIN.
4 REMEMBER THE SABBATH – KEEP IT HOLY
5 HONOR THY FATHER AND MOTHER
6 THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
7 THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY
8 THOU SHALT NOT STEAL.
9 THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS.
10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

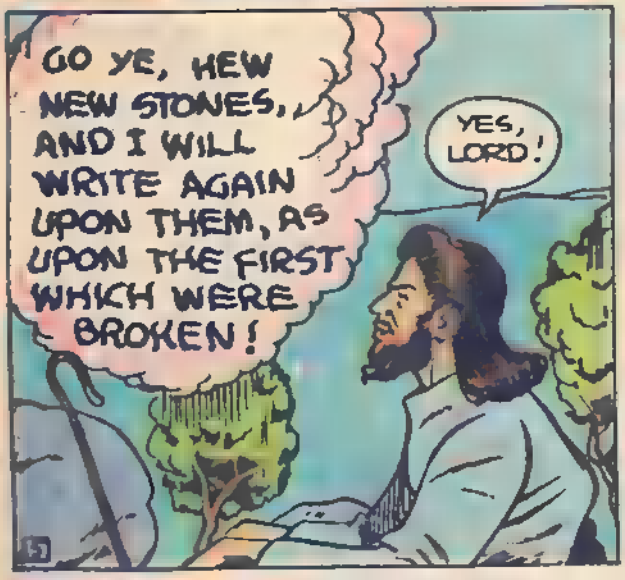

LATER, MOSES WENT TO THE MOUNT FOR FORTY DAYS AND NIGHTS TO LEARN OF GOD ~~~
LET THE PEOPLE MAKE ME A SANCTUARY – A TABERNACLE IN WHICH I MAY DWELL AND BE WITH MY PEOPLE!!
I OBEY THY WORD, OH LORD!

MOSES' DELAY IN RETURNING BROUGHT UNREST AMONG THE ISRAELITES~
YOU WILL BE OUR LEADER, AARON!
YOU WILL BE OUR LEADER!-YOU WILL MAKE US A GOLDEN CALF TO WORSHIP!
WELL!

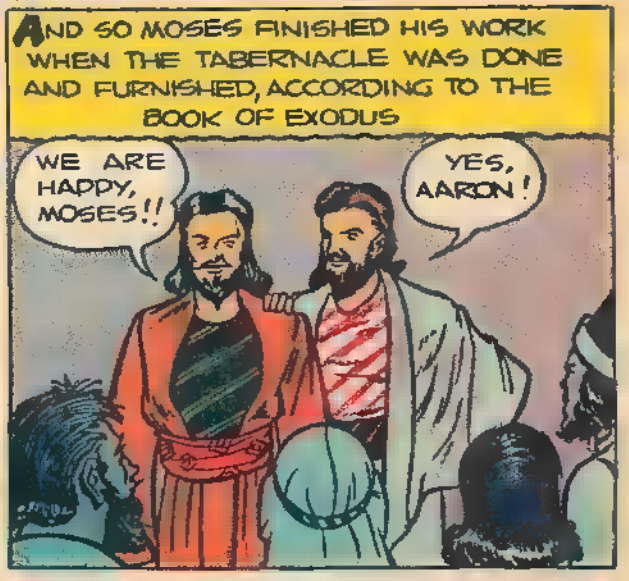

MOSES RETURNS IN ANGER AND BREAKS THE TABLETS~
DANCING AND WORSHIPPING A GOLDEN CALF!!-YOU GRIEVE ME, OH ISRAEL!!


MOSES BURNED THE CALF, AND MADE A CHALLENGE~
WHOEVER IS WITH ME, COME OVER! ALL OTHERS SHALL BE SLAIN!
THE TRIBE OF LEVI IS WITH YOU, MOSES!

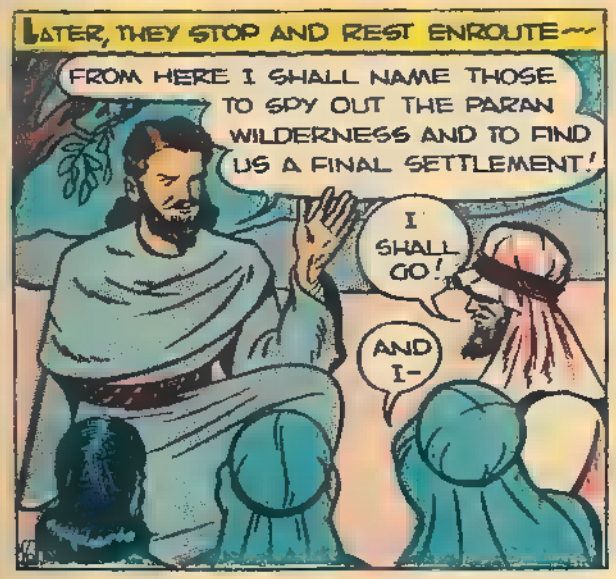

MANY DIED THAT TIME-BUT STILL THE PEOPLE MURMURED, UNTIL THEY SAW A PILLAR OF CLOUD FROM HEAVEN ENVELOPE MOSES~
OH LORD, SHOW ME THE RIGHT WAY TO LEAD MY FLOCK!!
I RELENT AND SHALL BE WITH YOU AND GIVE REST!

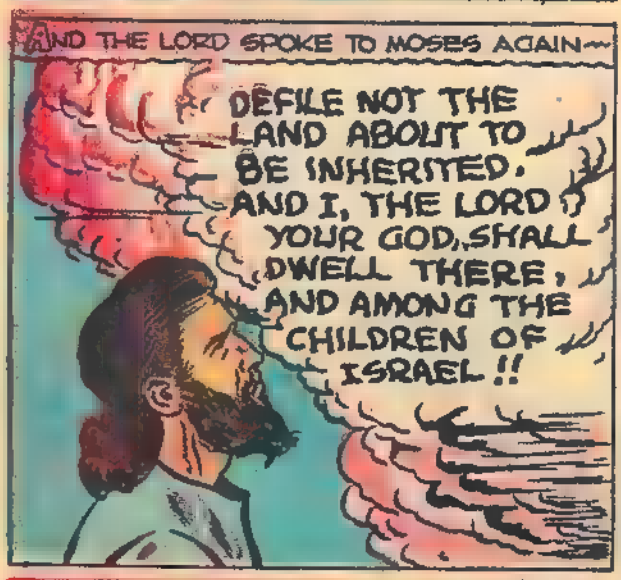

GO YE, HEW NEW STONES, AND I WILL WRITE AGAIN UPON THEM, AS UPON THE FIRST WHICH WERE BROKEN!
YES, LORD!

AND AFTERWARD, MOSES HAD THE TWO TABLETS ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE AND CAME TO HIS PEOPLE, SMILING~
PEACE! LET US TALK AGAIN TOGETHER!
HE IS HAPPY! HIS FACE SHINES SO!!



SOON THE LORD GOD SPOKE AGAIN TO MOSES, NOW AT LENGTH, AND HE TOLD MOSES THE LAWS WHICH WERE TO BE MADE, AND THE CUSTOMS ESTABLISHED TO LIVE BY:— AND THIS IS A PURPOSE OF THE FIVE BOOKS OF MOSES WHICH RELATE ALL THE LAWS AND ORDERS OF THE OLD HEBREWS FOR THEIR PROMISED LAND!!





AND THE LORD SPOKE UNTO MOSES SAYING:— GO YOU TO THE MOUNTAIN NEBO IN MOAB, BEHOLD THE LAND OF CANAAN WHICH I HAVE GIVEN TO ISRAEL—AND THERE YOU SHALL DIE UPON EARTH—AND MOSES WAS A HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS OLD AT HIS DEATH, AND THE PEOPLE WEPT FOR HIM FOR THIRTY DAYS ~~~

THE STORY OF SAUL

THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL

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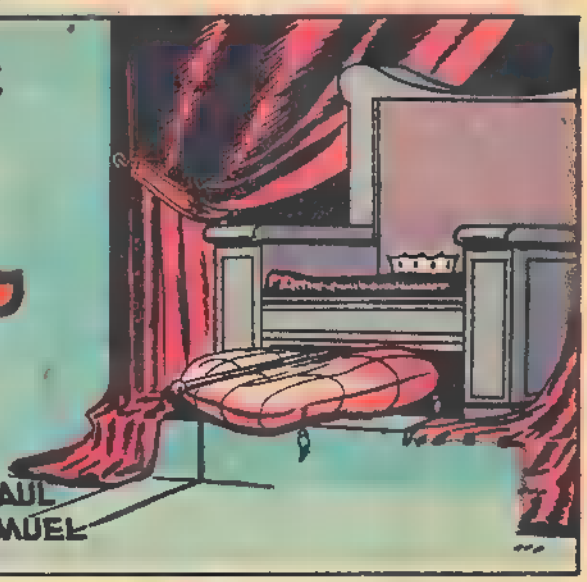
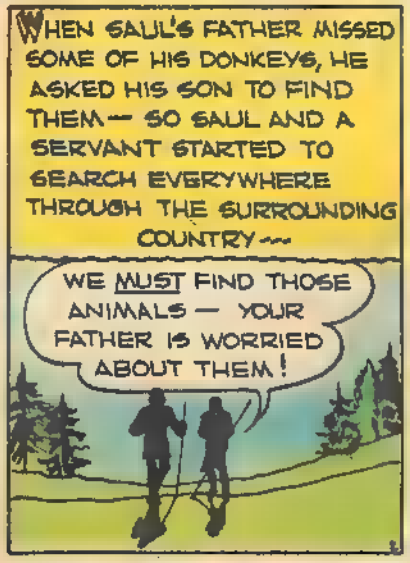
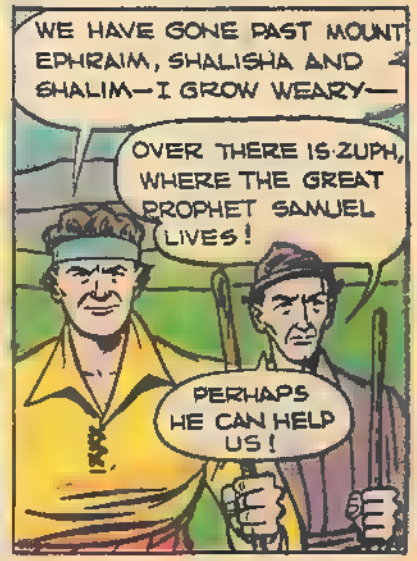
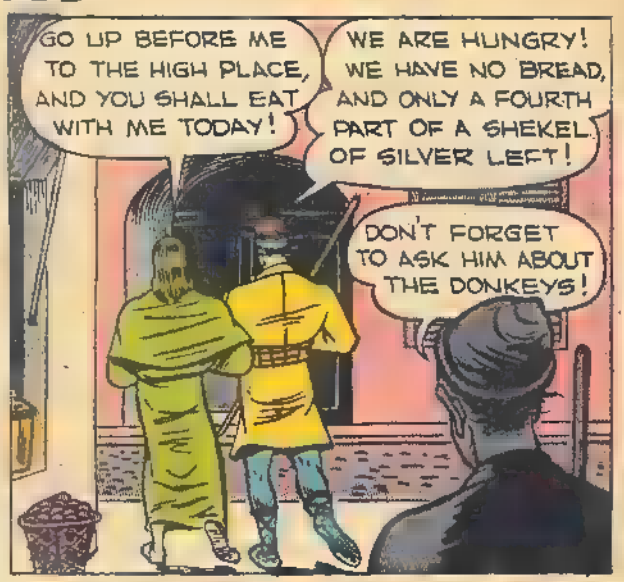
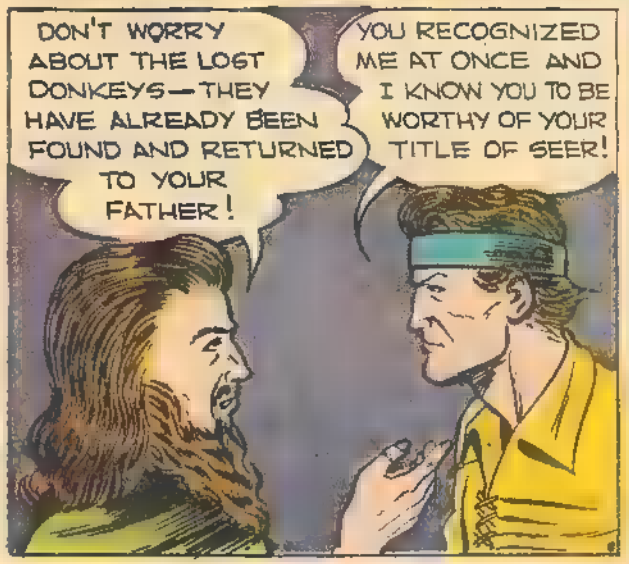




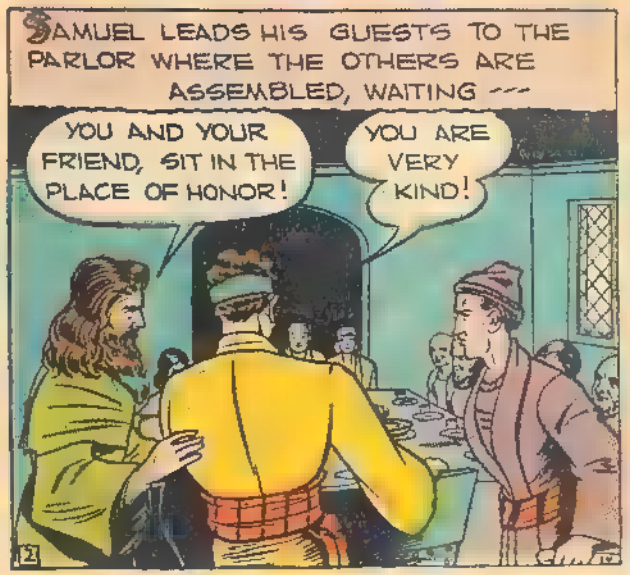


WHY DO YOU HAIL ME?
BECAUSE YOU ARE THE MAN WHOM THE LORD HAS APPOINTED TO RULE OVER ISRAEL!
WHY, HE MUST BE SAMUEL THE SEER HIMSELF!


GO UP BEFORE ME TO THE HIGH PLACE, AND YOU SHALL EAT WITH ME TODAY!
WE ARE HUNGRY! WE HAVE NO BREAD, AND ONLY A FOURTH PART OF A SHEKEL OF SILVER LEFT!
DON'T FORGET TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE DONKEYS!


DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE LOST DONKEYS—THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN FOUND AND RETURNED TO YOUR FATHER!
YOU RECOGNIZED ME AT ONCE AND I KNOW YOU TO BE WORTHY OF YOUR TITLE OF SEER!

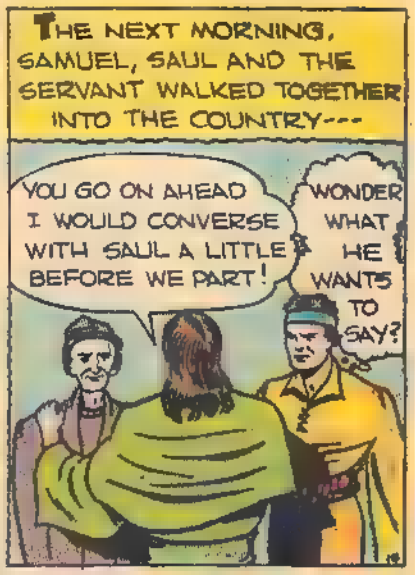
THE OTHERS I INVITED ARE ALREADY HERE!
I AM HONORED!


SAMUEL LEADS HIS GUESTS TO THE PARLOR WHERE THE OTHERS ARE ASSEMBLED, WAITING ---
YOU AND YOUR FRIEND, SIT IN THE PLACE OF HONOR!
YOU ARE VERY KIND!

COOK, BRING ON OUR FOOD THAT WE MAY EAT!
YES, SIRE!
IT IS GOOD OF SAMUEL TO HONOR ME LIKE THIS!
FRIEND, SAMUEL IS A VERY GOOD MAN!

AFTERWARD THE GUESTS DEPART ----
I BID YOU GOODNIGHT, FOR SAUL AND MYSELF WILL RETIRE TOGETHER TO THE ROOF TOP OF MY HOUSE!

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT, SAMUEL!
ONE ONLY THE LORD COULD CREATE!


THE NEXT MORNING, SAMUEL, SAUL AND THE SERVANT WALKED TOGETHER INTO THE COUNTRY---
YOU GO ON AHEAD I WOULD CONVERSE WITH SAUL A LITTLE BEFORE WE PART!
WONDER WHAT HE WANTS TO SAY?

YOU, SAUL, ARE THE CHOSEN ONE!-ABIDE BY THE WORDS OF GOD, AND YOU SHALL WIN GREAT GLORY!

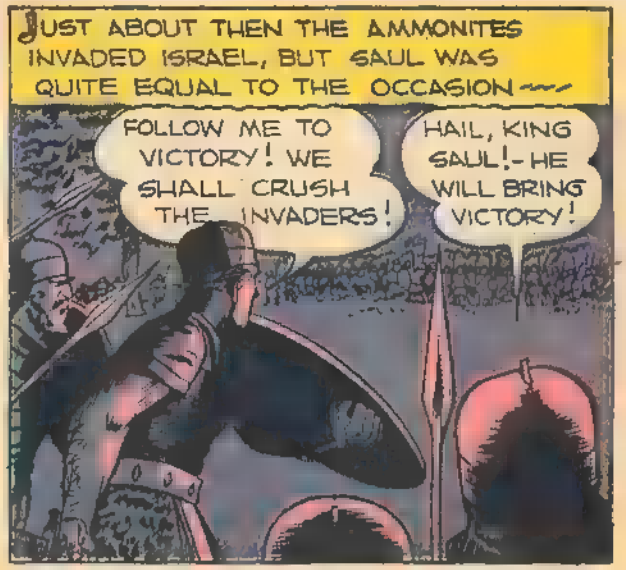
I ANOINT YOU, SAUL, TO BE CAPTAIN OF THE LORD—WE'LL MEET AGAIN IN MIZPEH!

LATER
COME, LET US OBEY SAMUEL AND GO TO MIZPEH!

SAMUEL WENT AHEAD TO MIZPEH AND WAS THERE WHEN SAUL AND HIS SERVANT ARRIVED--
LOOK AT THE PEOPLE HURRYING- THEY'RE GOING TO SEE SAMUEL, I THINK!
WE SHALL MEET THE SEER AGAIN VERY SHORTLY HERE!

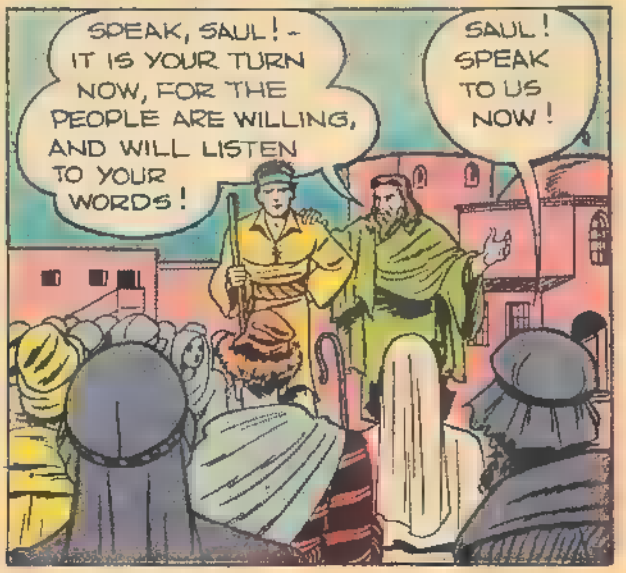
AND SO FROM HUNTING HIS FATHER'S DONKEYS, SAUL WAS LED BY SAMUEL TO BE PROCLAIMED AS THE FIRST KING OVER THE ISRAELITES! — THUS DO SMALL ACTS LEAD TO GREAT THINGS, AND SAUL'S STAR ROSE THAT DAY SO THAT HE BECAME FAMOUS THROUGH ALL THE NATION OF ISRAEL

WE PART, BUT I SHALL NEVER FORGET
AS KING YOU WILL DO MANY MIGHTY DEEDS!
I SERVE A ROYAL MASTER— AND HAVE DINED WITH THE GREAT PROPHET, SAMUEL!

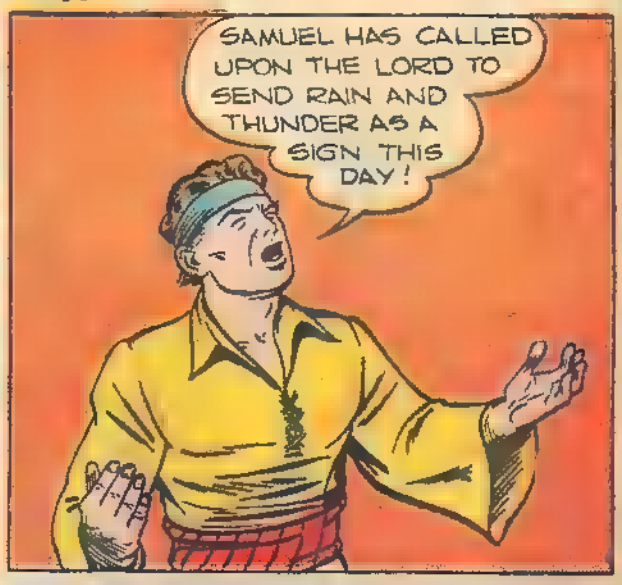

JUST ABOUT THEN THE AMMONITES INVADED ISRAEL, BUT SAUL WAS QUITE EQUAL TO THE OCCASION ~~~
FOLLOW ME TO VICTORY! WE SHALL CRUSH THE INVADERS!
HAIL, KING SAUL!- HE WILL BRING VICTORY!

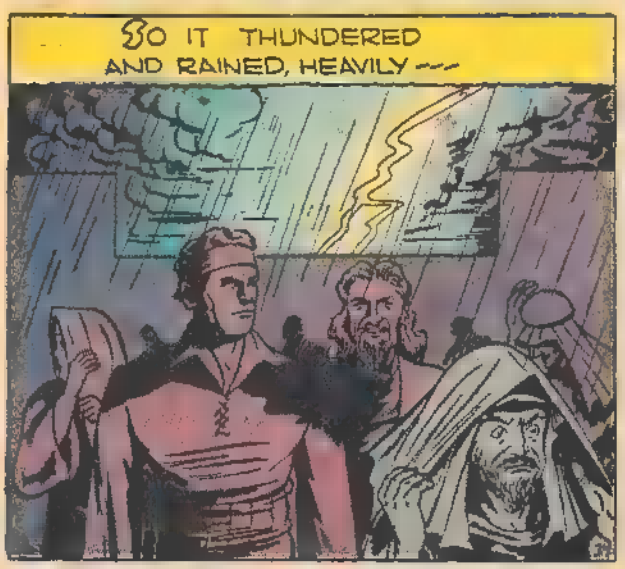
SO VICTORY— THEN SAMUEL MEETS SAUL AND TALKS WITH HIM ~~~
LET US GO TO GILGAL AND ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL!
I SHALL OBEY, AND DO MY UTMOST!

WE SHALL MAKE SAUL KING!
WE ALL SHALL REJOICE OVER THE CHOICE OF THIS MAN!

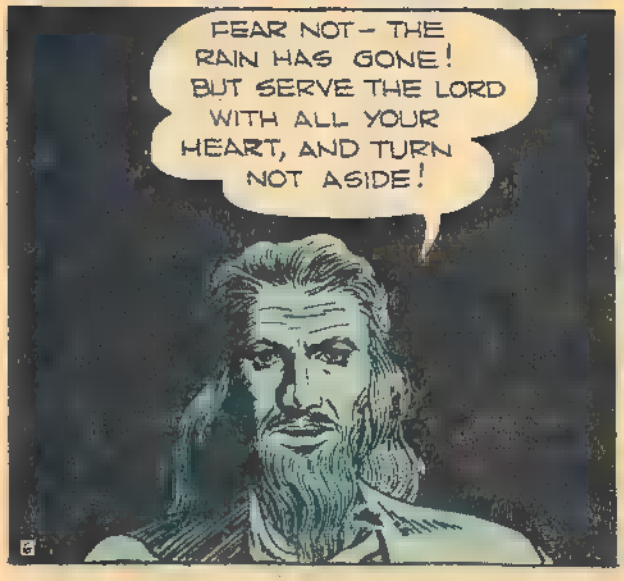

SPEAK, SAUL! - IT IS YOUR TURN NOW, FOR THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING, AND WILL LISTEN TO YOUR WORDS!
SAUL! SPEAK TO US NOW!

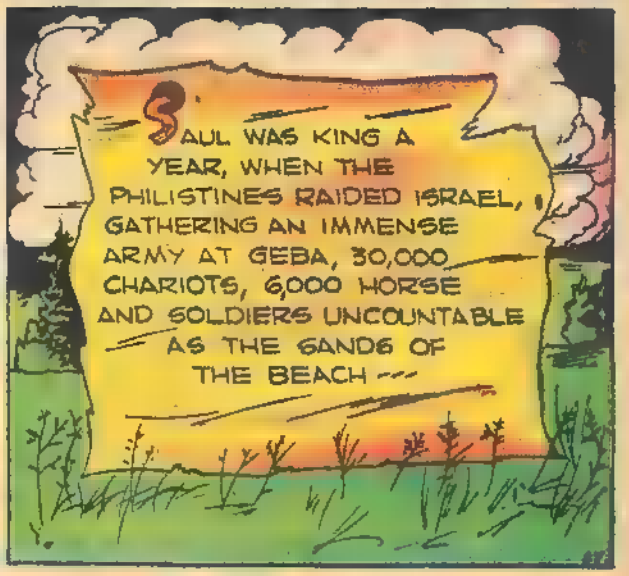
SAMUEL HAS TOLD YOU TO FEAR AND SERVE THE LORD AND TO OBEY HIS VOICE!
NOW STAND STILL AND SEE THIS GREAT THING THE LORD WILL DO BEFORE YOUR EYES!


SAMUEL HAS CALLED UPON THE LORD TO SEND RAIN AND THUNDER AS A SIGN THIS DAY!


SO IT THUNDERED AND RAINED, HEAVILY ---

PRAY THAT WE DO NOT DIE!


FEAR NOT – THE RAIN HAS GONE! BUT SERVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND TURN NOT ASIDE!


SAUL WAS KING A YEAR, WHEN THE PHILISTINES RAIDED ISRAEL, GATHERING AN IMMENSE ARMY AT GEBA, 30,000 CHARIOTS, 6,000 HORSE AND SOLDIERS UNCOUNTABLE AS THE SANDS OF THE BEACH ---

THE YEARS PASS - THE WARS DRAG ON, BUT NOW SAUL HAS A SON, JONATHAN, TO HELP HIM ---

WE ARE SO FEW, FATHER— ONLY 3000!

YES, JONATHAN, BUT GOD IS ON OUR SIDE!

FROM THE RANKS, SAUL'S SON JONATHAN AND AN ARMOR-BEARER GO FORTH UNKNOWN TO SAUL ~~~

WE SHALL ENGAGE THE ENEMY NOW!

CAREFUL, JONATHAN!

I HAVE DOWNED TWENTY!

I HEAR THE OTHERS COMING TO OUR RESCUE!

SAUL'S ISRAELITES FINALLY CAME UP AND THE PHILISTINES WERE BEATEN FROM THE FIELD ~~~

YOU ARE A HERO TODAY, JONATHAN!

A GREAT VICTORY THIS DAY!

SO SAUL, AS KING OF ISRAEL FOUGHT MANY ENEMIES, AMONG THEM THE MOABITES, THE AMMONITES, THE AMALEKITES AND AGAIN THE PHILISTINES

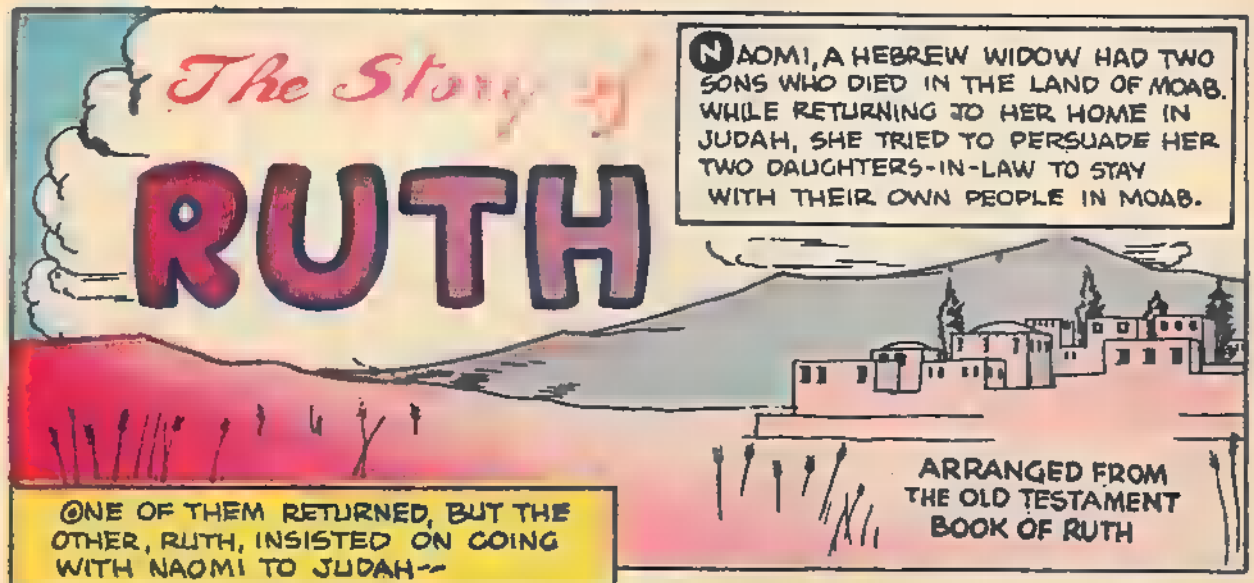
YOUR KINGDOM IS STRENGTHENED — I HAVE KILLED THE KING OF THE AMALEKITES, AGAG— AND NOW, SAUL, WE SHALL PART!

SAUL SITS ON HIS THRONE ~~~ AND SPEAKS TO HIS SERVANT OF EARLIER DAYS ~~~

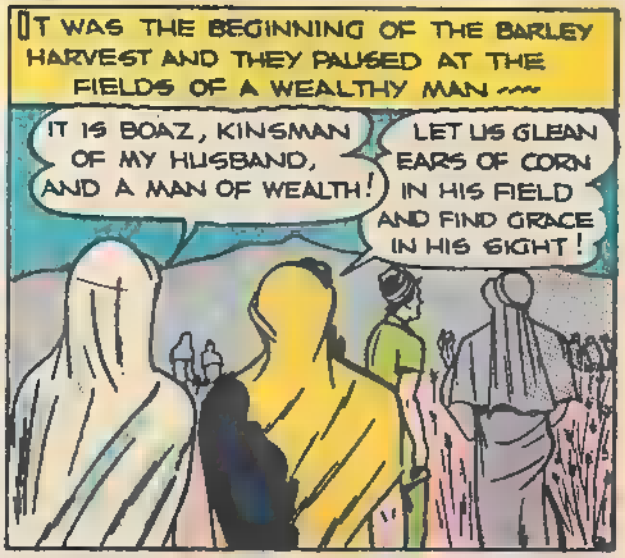
WE HAVE COME A FAR DISTANCE, MAN! - MY FATHER FOUND HIS LOST BEASTS, AND I HAVE FOUND A KINGDOM!

ISRAEL IS PROUD OF YOU, KING SAUL!

END


The Story of
RUTH
NAOMI, A HEBREW WIDOW HAD TWO SONS WHO DIED IN THE LAND OF MOAB. WHILE RETURNING TO HER HOME IN JUDAH, SHE TRIED TO PERSUADE HER TWO DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW TO STAY WITH THEIR OWN PEOPLE IN MOAB.
ARRANGED FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF RUTH

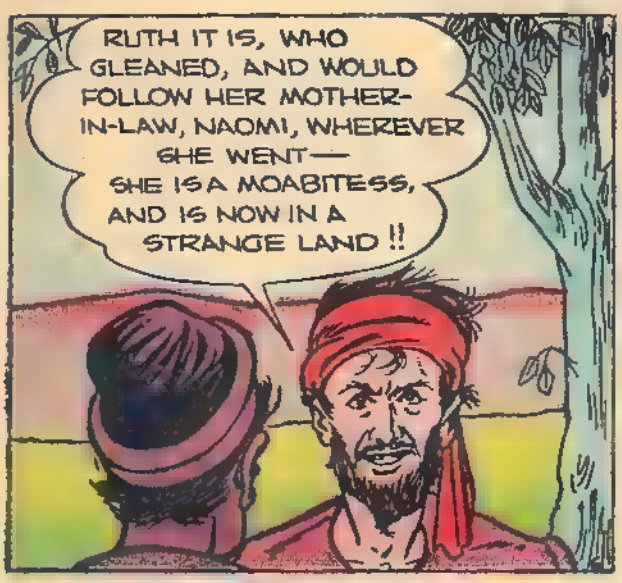
ONE OF THEM RETURNED, BUT THE OTHER, RUTH, INSISTED ON GOING WITH NAOMI TO JUDAH--
"FOR WHITHER THOU GOEST, I WILL GO, AND WHERE THOU LODGEST, I WILL LODGE. THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND THY GOD MY GOD."


IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE BARLEY HARVEST AND THEY PAUSED AT THE FIELDS OF A WEALTHY MAN ---
IT IS BOAZ, KINSMAN OF MY HUSBAND, AND A MAN OF WEALTH!
LET US GLEAN EARS OF CORN IN HIS FIELD AND FIND GRACE IN HIS SIGHT!

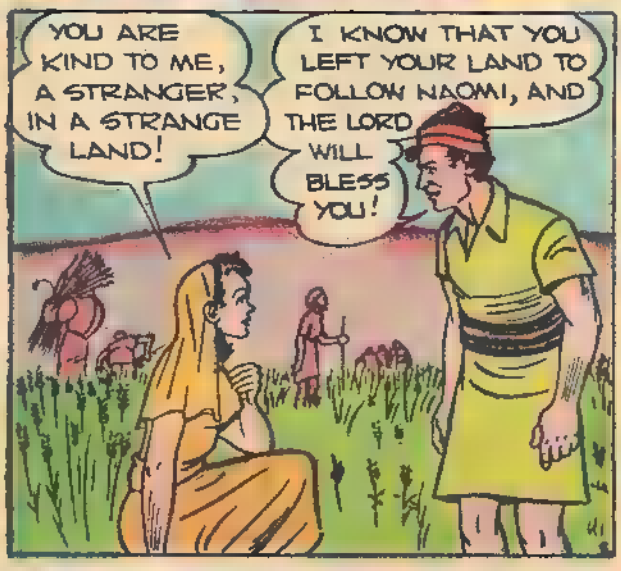
HERE I SHALL STAY, AND YOU SHALL ABIDE ALSO! AND GO AND GLEAN IN THE FIELDS OF BOAZ IF IT IS YOUR WISH, RUTH!
I SHALL GO THIS DAY!

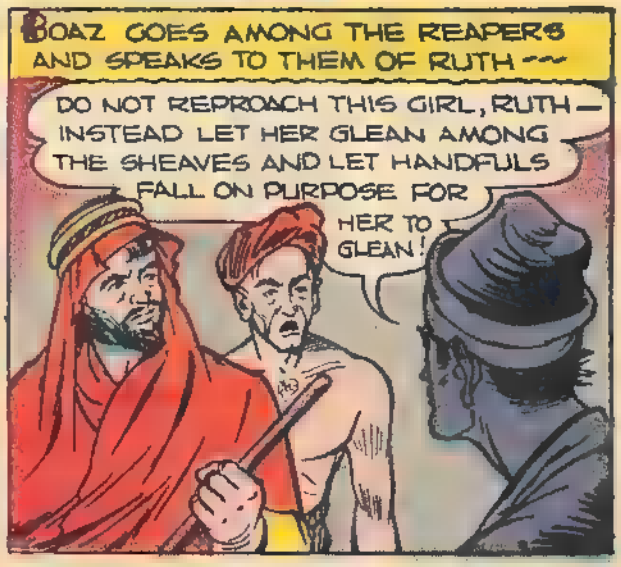
SO RUTH ENTERED THE FIELDS OF BOAZ AND TOOK PART IN THE GLEANING OF THE BARLEY--
I SHALL ASK MY SERVANTS WHO THIS GIRL IS!

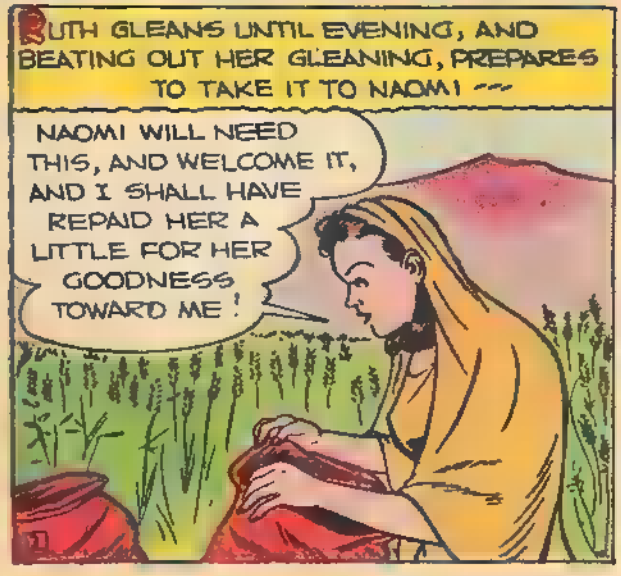
TELL ME OF THIS GIRL!
IT IS RUTH, NAOMI'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, SIRE— NAOMI WHOSE HUSBAND WAS A KINSMAN OF YOURS!

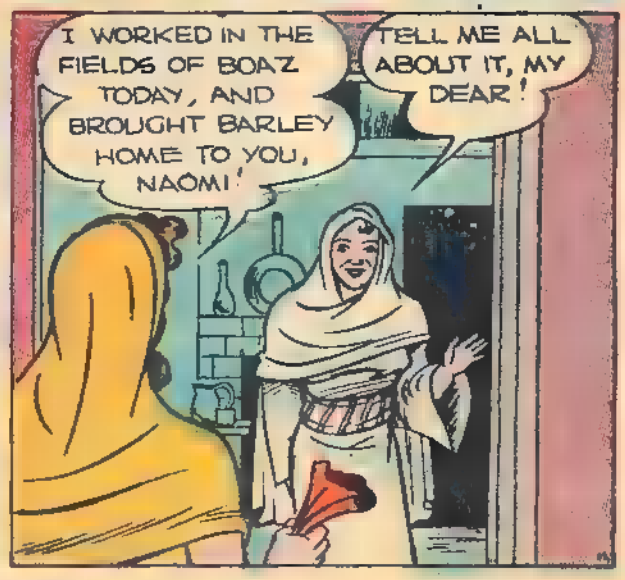

RUTH IT IS, WHO GLEANED, AND WOULD FOLLOW HER MOTHER-IN-LAW, NAOMI, WHEREVER SHE WENT— SHE IS A MOABITESS, AND IS NOW IN A STRANGE LAND !!

YOU NEED NOT WORK HERE, RUTH! -BUT STAY AND LIVE AMONG US ANYWAY, AND YOU SHALL FIND YOUR NEW HOME HAPPY, AMONG MY PEOPLE!


YOU ARE KIND TO ME, A STRANGER, IN A STRANGE LAND!
I KNOW THAT YOU LEFT YOUR LAND TO FOLLOW NAOMI, AND THE LORD WILL BLESS YOU!


BOAZ GOES AMONG THE REAPERS AND SPEAKS TO THEM OF RUTH ---
DO NOT REPROACH THIS GIRL, RUTH— INSTEAD LET HER GLEAN AMONG THE SHEAVES AND LET HANDFULS FALL ON PURPOSE FOR HER TO GLEAN!


RUTH GLEANS UNTIL EVENING, AND BEATING OUT HER GLEANING, PREPARES TO TAKE IT TO NAOMI ---
NAOMI WILL NEED THIS, AND WELCOME IT, AND I SHALL HAVE REPAID HER A LITTLE FOR HER GOODNESS TOWARD ME!


I WORKED IN THE FIELDS OF BOAZ TODAY, AND BROUGHT BARLEY HOME TO YOU, NAOMI!
TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT, MY DEAR!

SO RUTH WORKED TO THE END OF THE BARLEY HARVEST AND STAYED ON TO WORK THE WHEAT HARVEST---

I AM PLEASED WITH YOUR WORK, RUTH!

ONE DAY, NAOMI SPOKE CONFIDENTIALLY TO RUTH, HER DAUGHTER-IN-LAW---

TONIGHT, BOAZ WINNOWS IN THE THRESHING FLOOR - DRESS WELL, AND GO QUIETLY THERE AND WATCH— WHEN HE HAS FINISHED AND HAS EATEN, GO UP TO HIM!

I OBEY, NAOMI!

LATER---

I HAVE FINISHED WINNOWING - NOW FOR FOOD, AND THEN A REST!

WHEN HE HAS FINSHED, I SHALL GO TO HIM, BUT NOT BEFORE!

I SHALL REST HERE, FOR THERE IS MUCH TO DO ON THE MORROW, AND I MUST BE UP EARLY!

NOW IS IT TIME!

I AM RUTH, YOUR HANDMAIDEN, WHOM YOU LET WORK IN THE FIELDS!

WH-?

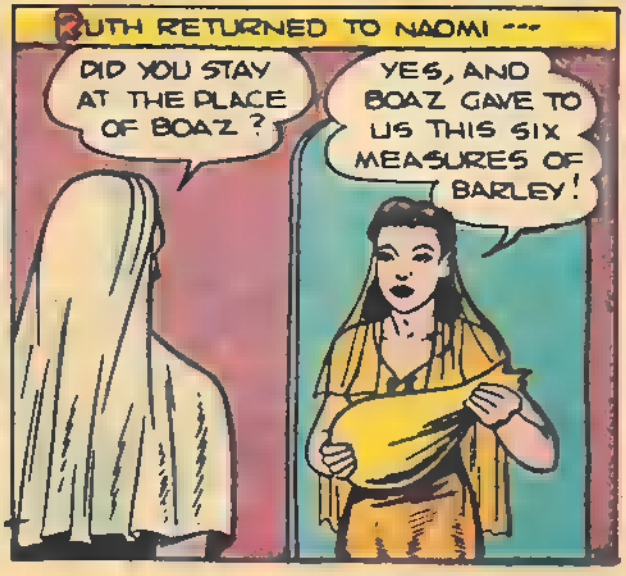
BLESSED ARE YOU, WHO SHOW BOAZ SUCH KINDNESS, RUTH!

REST WELL, BOAZ, I SHALL LIE AT YOUR FEET ALL THE NIGHT!

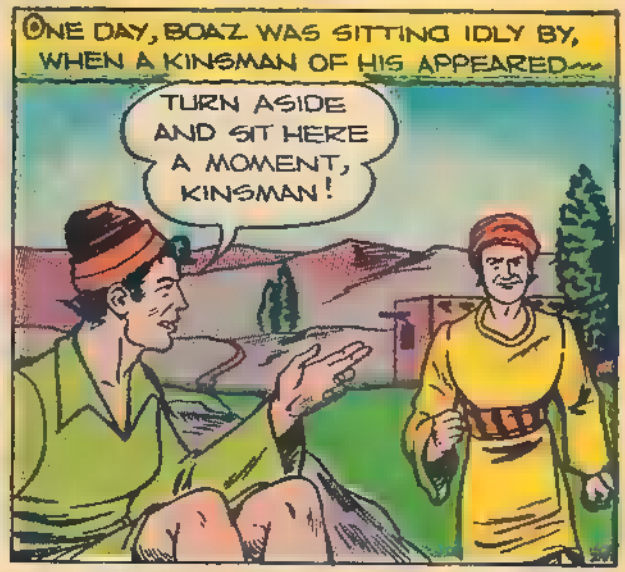
AND SO ALL NIGHT LONG RUTH LAY AT THE FEET OF BOAZ---

THEN, EARLY IN THE MORNING, BOAZ ARISES----
I SHALL GIVE YOU THESE MEASURES OF BARLEY, FOR YOU AND NAOMI! GO AT ONCE TO HER— TELL NONE OTHER YOU WERE HERE!

NAOMI WILL BE PLEASED, BOAZ— —AND I SHALL RETURN!

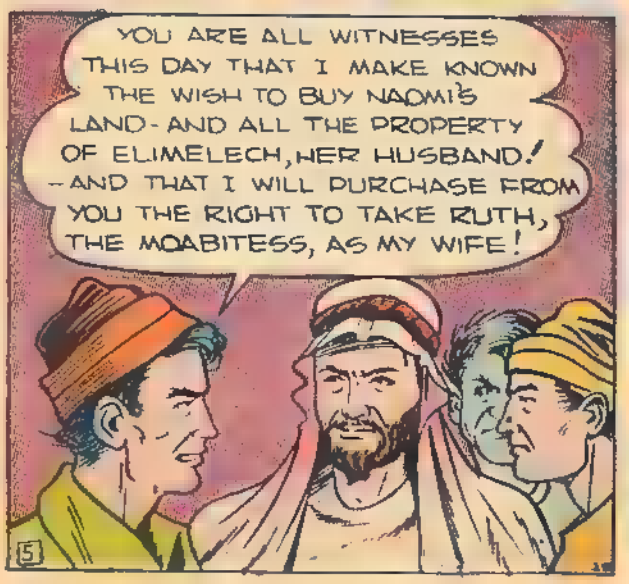

RUTH RETURNED TO NAOMI ---
DID YOU STAY AT THE PLACE OF BOAZ?
YES, AND BOAZ GAVE TO US THIS SIX MEASURES OF BARLEY!

EVERY DAY RUTH WORKED IN THE FIELDS OF BOAZ, WHOM SHE NOW LOVED; AND EACH DAY BOAZ WATCHED HER AND WAS PLEASED~~
THIS RUTH, THE MOABITESS, IS FAVORED OF OUR MASTER! AND SHE WORKS WELL INDEED!


ONE DAY, BOAZ WAS SITTING IDLY BY, WHEN A KINSMAN OF HIS APPEARED~~
TURN ASIDE AND SIT HERE A MOMENT, KINSMAN!

NOW I SHALL SEEK TEN MEN OF THE ELDERS OF THE CITY AS WITNESSES - DO WAIT, FOR ME, HERE, FOR ITS IMPORTANT!

A LITTLE WHILE LATER~~
ACCORDING TO THE LAW, AND SO THAT I HAVE WITNESSES, I WILL BUY THE LAND OF NAOMI, AND GIVE YOU TESTIMONY - FOR THIS I HAVE CALLED YOU!


YOU ARE ALL WITNESSES THIS DAY THAT I MAKE KNOWN THE WISH TO BUY NAOMI'S LAND - AND ALL THE PROPERTY OF ELIMELECH, HER HUSBAND! - AND THAT I WILL PURCHASE FROM YOU THE RIGHT TO TAKE RUTH, THE MOABITESS, AS MY WIFE!
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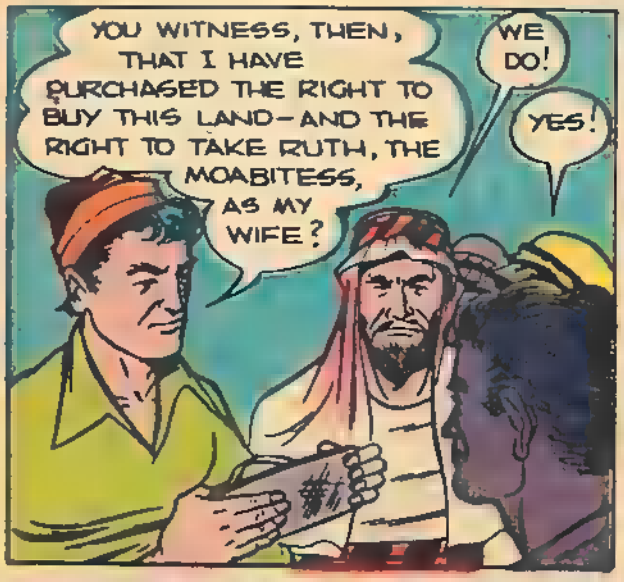
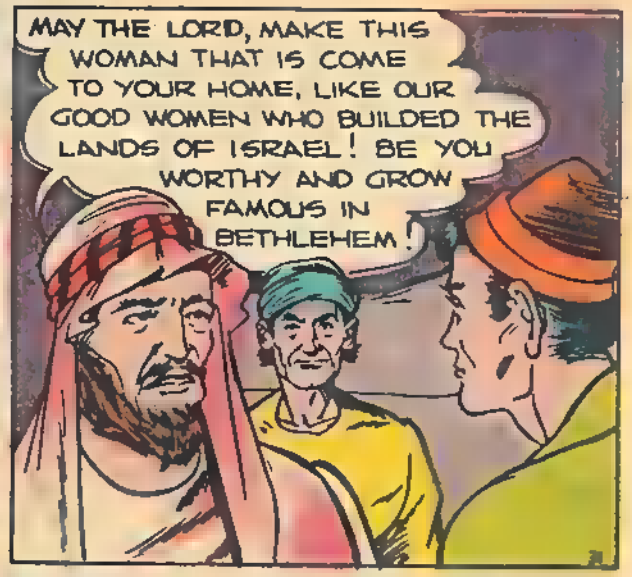
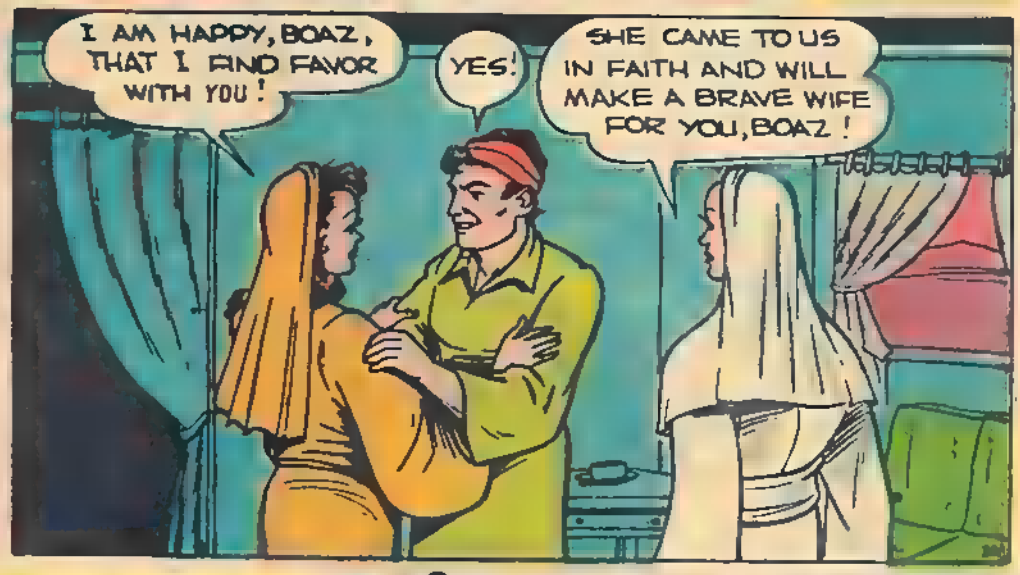
BUT, ACCORDING TO LAW, I CANNOT OBTAIN THIS LAND - ONLY MY KINSMAN, HERE, MAY DO SO BEFORE ME!
YOU MAY REDEEM MY RIGHT TO BUY THE LAND, BOAZ, AND AS A SIGN ACCORDING TO LAW, I SHALL GIVE YOU MY SHOE IN TESTIMONY!



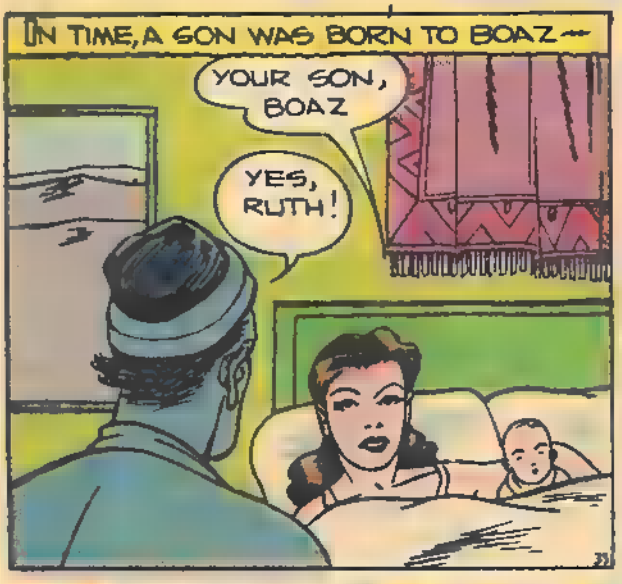


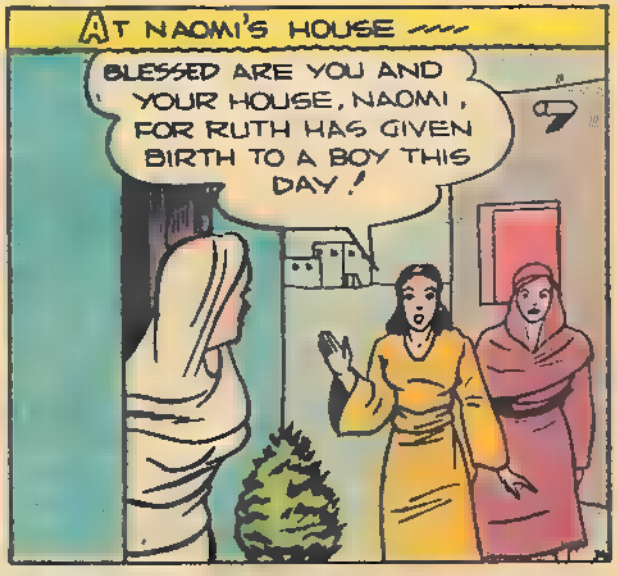
SO IT CAME ABOUT THAT BOAZ BOUGHT NAOMI'S LANDS, AND ASKED RUTH TO BE HIS WIFE ~~

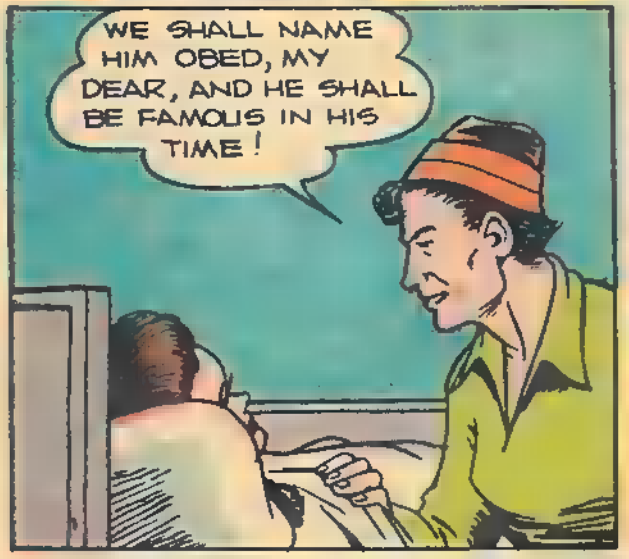


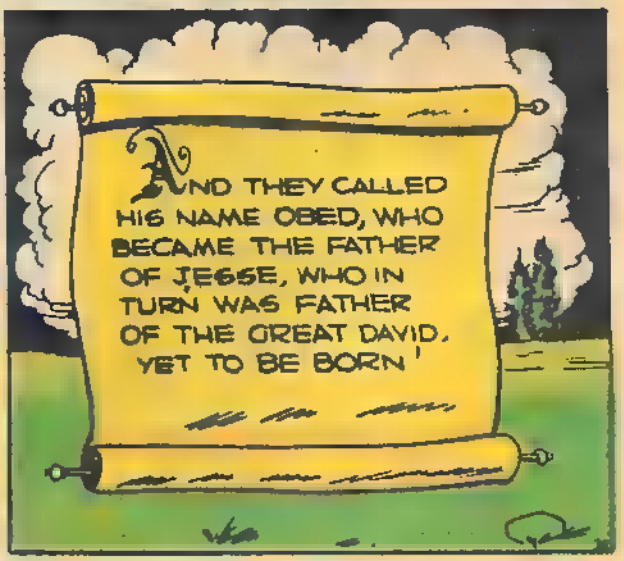
BOAZ TOOK RUTH TO HIS HOUSE ~~

NAOMI WAS HAPPY AND PROVIDED FOR, IN HER OLD AGE ~~

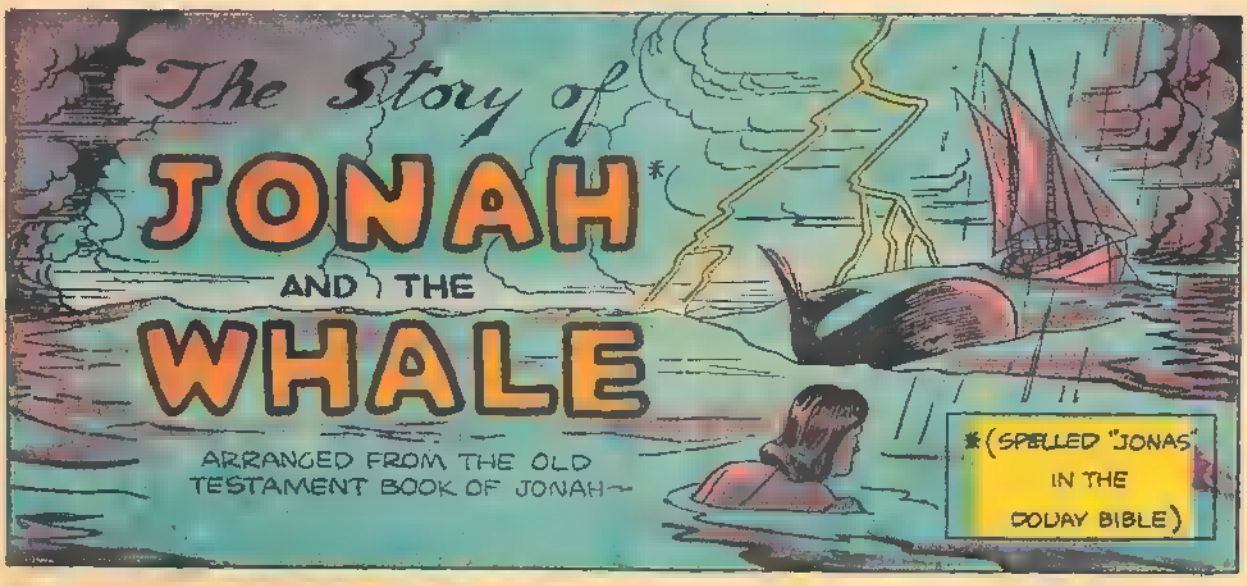

IN TIME, A SON WAS BORN TO BOAZ—
YOUR SON, BOAZ
YES, RUTH!


AT NAOMI'S HOUSE—
BLESSED ARE YOU AND YOUR HOUSE, NAOMI, FOR RUTH HAS GIVEN BIRTH TO A BOY THIS DAY!


WE SHALL NAME HIM OBED, MY DEAR, AND HE SHALL BE FAMOUS IN HIS TIME!


AND THEY CALLED HIS NAME OBED, WHO BECAME THE FATHER OF JESSE, WHO IN TURN WAS FATHER OF THE GREAT DAVID, YET TO BE BORN!

THUS BEGAN A FAMOUS LINE OF ISRAEL, AND THEY WERE HAPPY ALL THE DAYS OF THEIR LIVES!
THE END


The Story of
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AND THE
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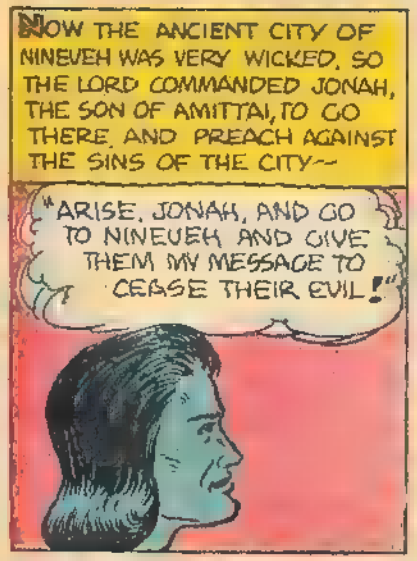
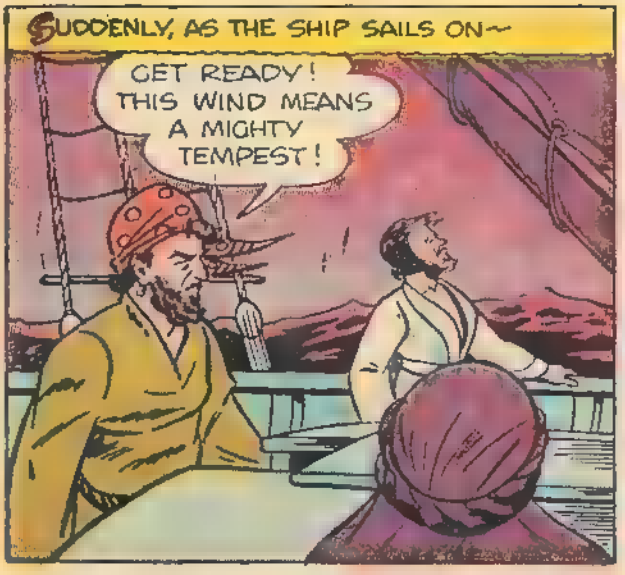
ARRANGED FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF JONAH~
*(SPELLED "JONAS" IN THE DOUAY BIBLE)


NOW THE ANCIENT CITY OF NINEVEH WAS VERY WICKED, SO THE LORD COMMANDED JONAH, THE SON OF AMITTAI, TO GO THERE, AND PREACH AGAINST THE SINS OF THE CITY~
"ARISE, JONAH, AND GO TO NINEVEH AND GIVE THEM MY MESSAGE TO CEASE THEIR EVIL!"

BUT JONAH DISOBEYS~
I CANNOT DO WHAT THE LORD WANTS ME TO. NO! INSTEAD, I'LL RUN AWAY! I'LL LEAVE THE COUNTRY!

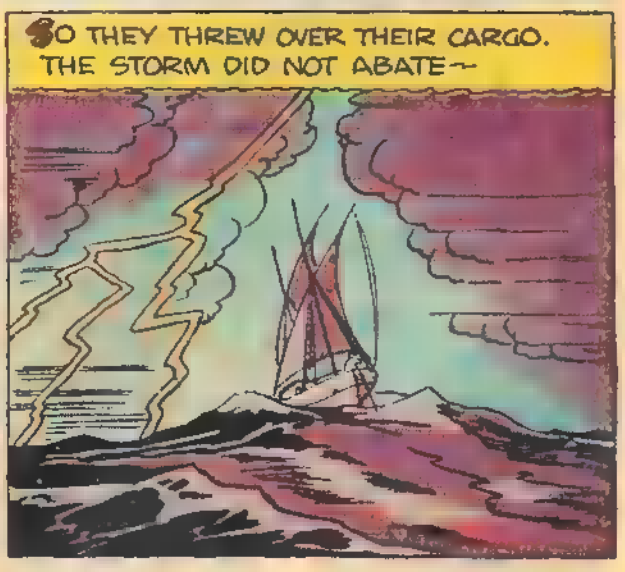
JONAH ARRIVES AT THE SEAPORT OF JOPPA AND FINDS A SHIP~
I'LL ASK WHERE THIS SHIP IS BOUND FOR.

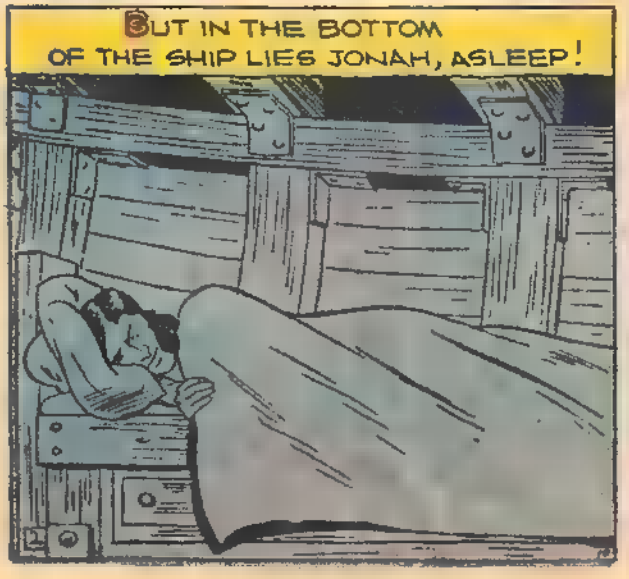
HERE IS MY FARE FOR THE VOYAGE.
GOOD! WE'LL SET SAIL AT ONCE FOR TARSHISH.

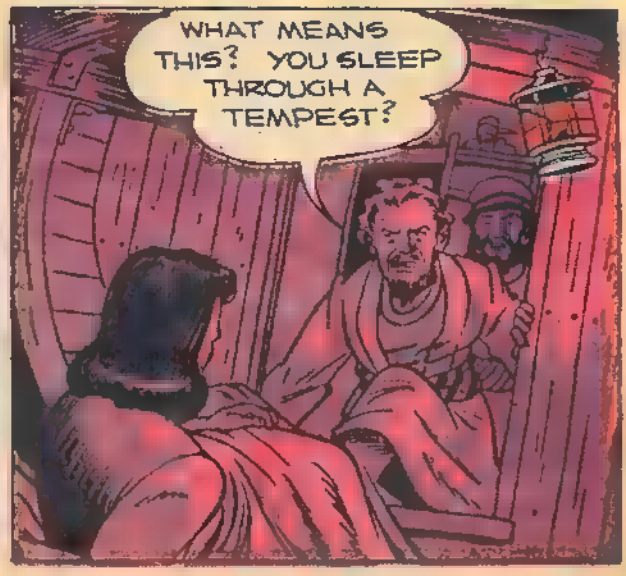

SUDDENLY, AS THE SHIP SAILS ON~
GET READY! THIS WIND MEANS A MIGHTY TEMPEST!

EACH SAILOR, AFRAID, CALLED ON HIS GOD TO SAVE HIM~
OH, BAAL, PRESERVE US!
GOD OF THE STORM, BE MERCIFUL!

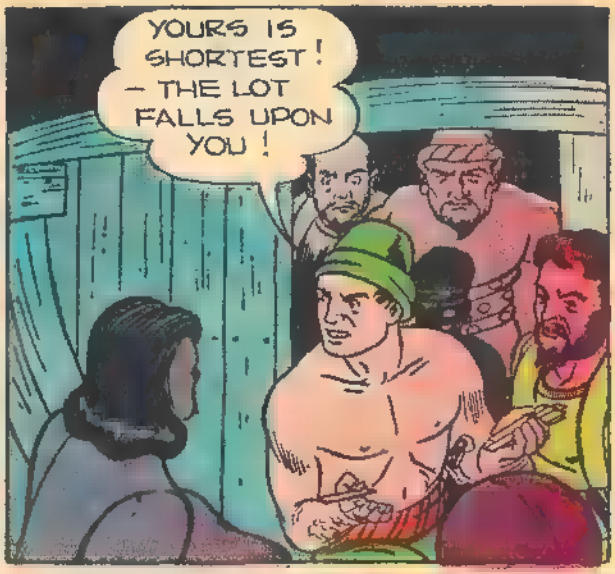
THROW OVER OUR CARGO AND EXCESS WEIGHT SO THAT THE SHIP WILL FLOAT!!

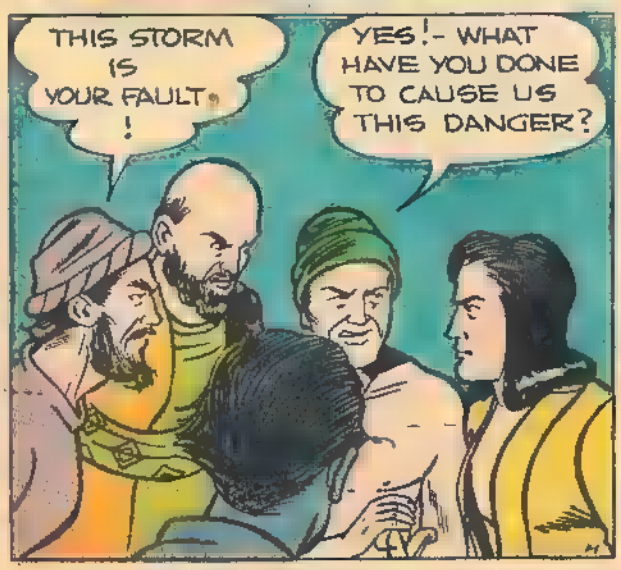

SO THEY THREW OVER THEIR CARGO. THE STORM DID NOT ABATE~

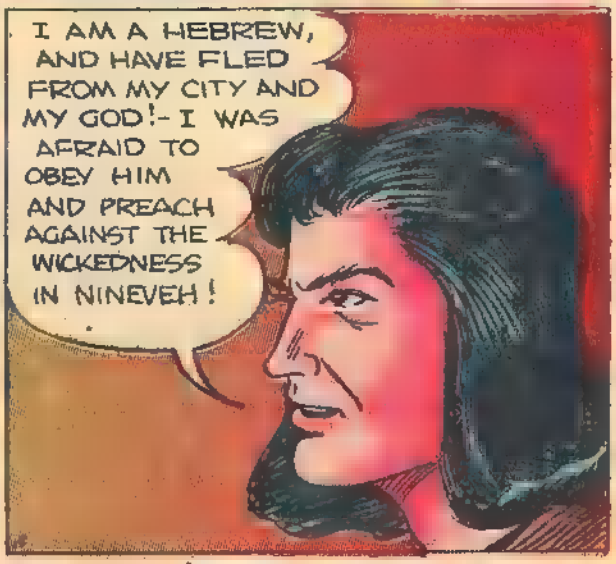

BUT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE SHIP LIES JONAH, ASLEEP!

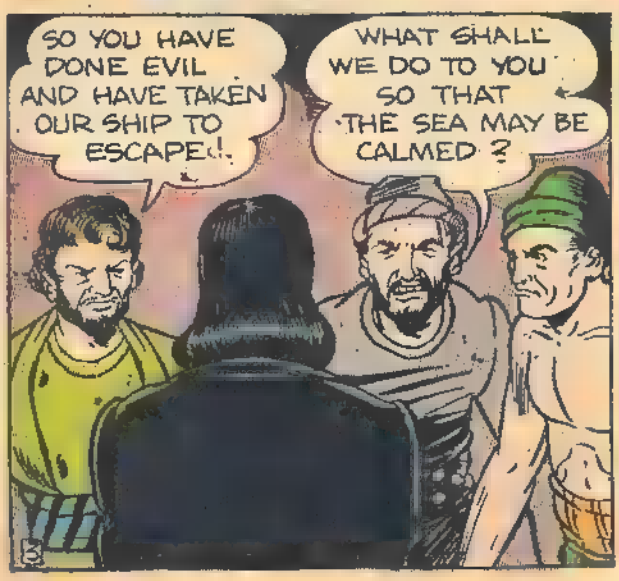

WHAT MEANS THIS? YOU SLEEP THROUGH A TEMPEST?

CALL UPON YOUR GOD, OR ELSE WE PERISH!
LET US CAST LOTS TO SEE WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THIS STORM!

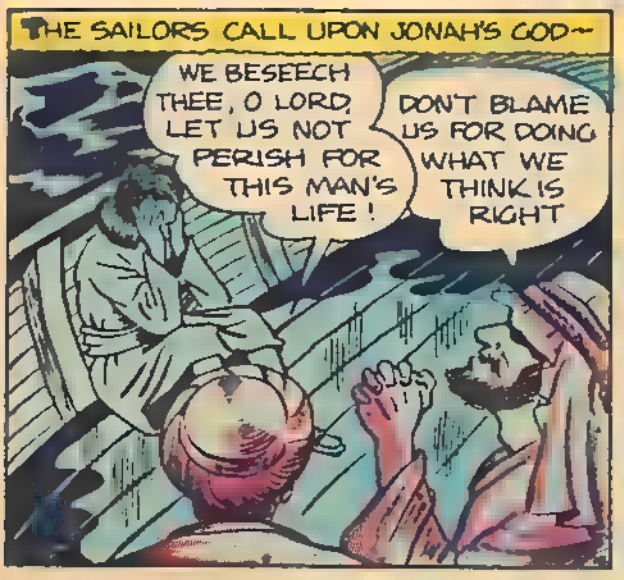

YOURS IS SHORTEST! – THE LOT FALLS UPON YOU!

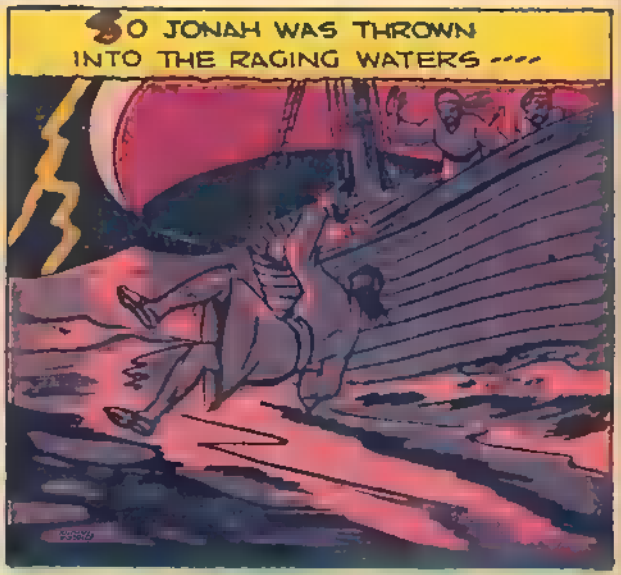

THIS STORM IS YOUR FAULT!
YES!- WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO CAUSE US THIS DANGER?

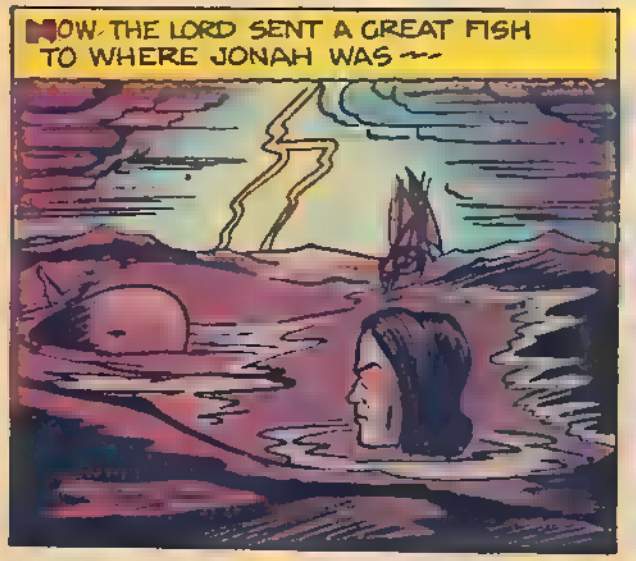

I AM A HEBREW, AND HAVE FLED FROM MY CITY AND MY GOD!- I WAS AFRAID TO OBEY HIM AND PREACH AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS IN NINEVEH!

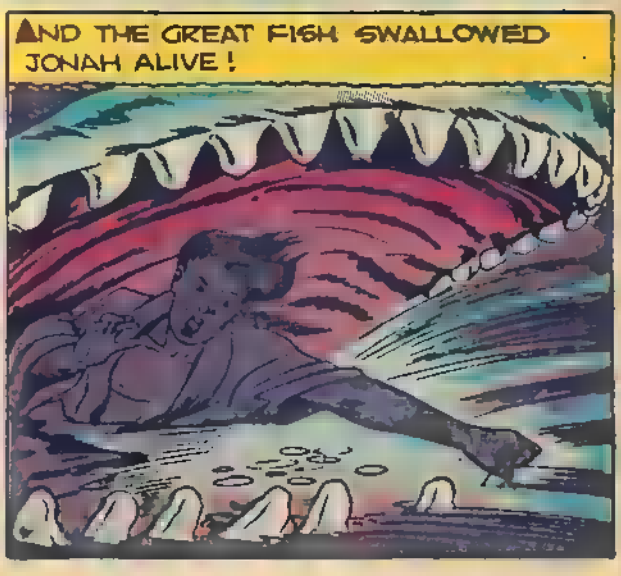

SO YOU HAVE DONE EVIL AND HAVE TAKEN OUR SHIP TO ESCAPE!
WHAT SHALL WE DO TO YOU SO THAT THE SEA MAY BE CALMED?

TAKE ME, CAST ME FORTH INTO THE SEA, AND THE SEA SHALL BE CALM. IT IS BECAUSE OF ME THAT THIS STORM HAS COME!


THE SAILORS CALL UPON JONAH'S GOD~
WE BESEECH THEE, O LORD, LET US NOT PERISH FOR THIS MAN'S LIFE!
DON'T BLAME US FOR DOING WHAT WE THINK IS RIGHT


SO JONAH WAS THROWN INTO THE RAGING WATERS ----


NOW THE LORD SENT A GREAT FISH TO WHERE JONAH WAS ~~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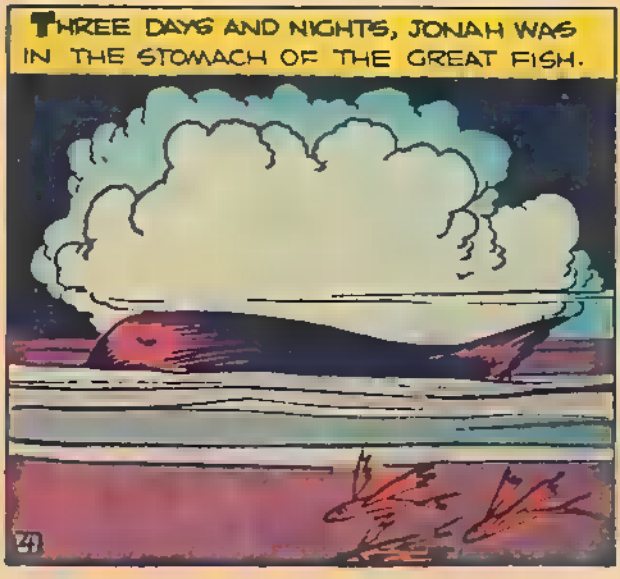
THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS, JONAH WAS IN THE STOMACH OF THE GREAT FISH.
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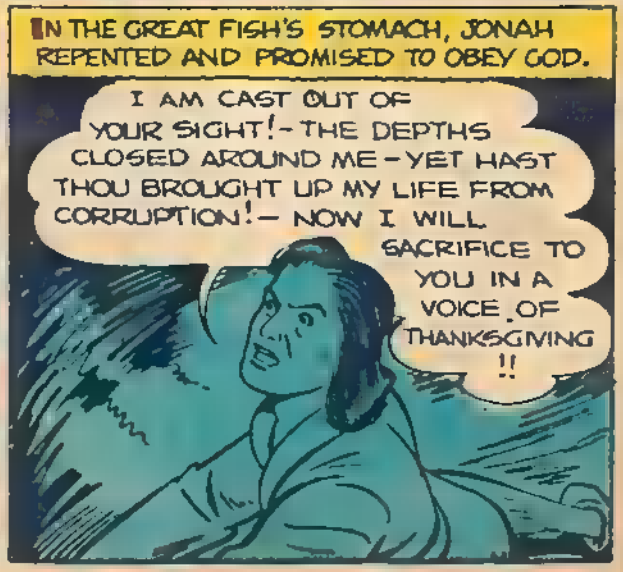
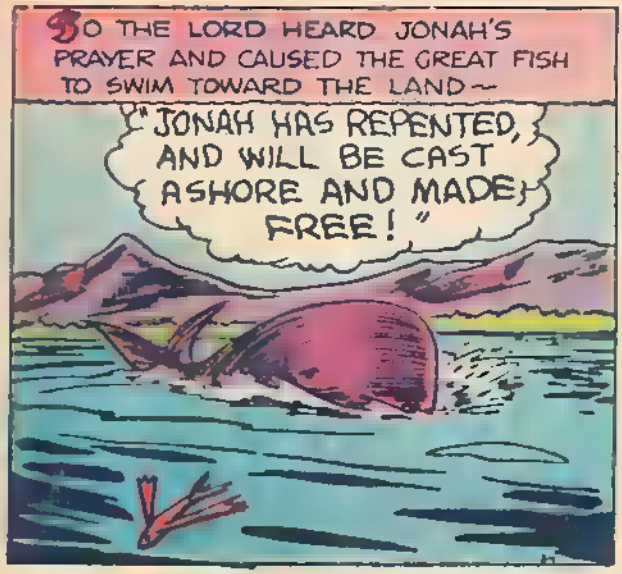
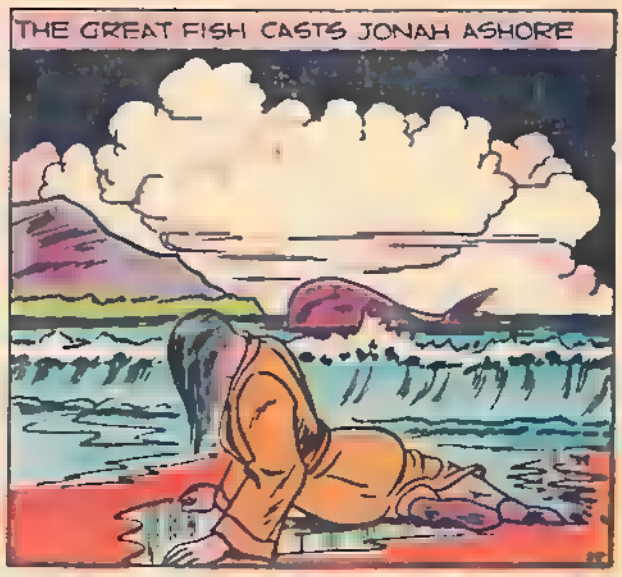

IN THE GREAT FISH'S STOMACH, JONAH REPENTED AND PROMISED TO OBEY GOD.
I AM CAST OUT OF YOUR SIGHT! - THE DEPTHS CLOSED AROUND ME - YET HAST THOU BROUGHT UP MY LIFE FROM CORRUPTION! - NOW I WILL SACRIFICE TO YOU IN A VOICE OF THANKSGIVING !!


SO THE LORD HEARD JONAH'S PRAYER AND CAUSED THE GREAT FISH TO SWIM TOWARD THE LAND—
"JONAH HAS REPENTED, AND WILL BE CAST ASHORE AND MADE FREE!"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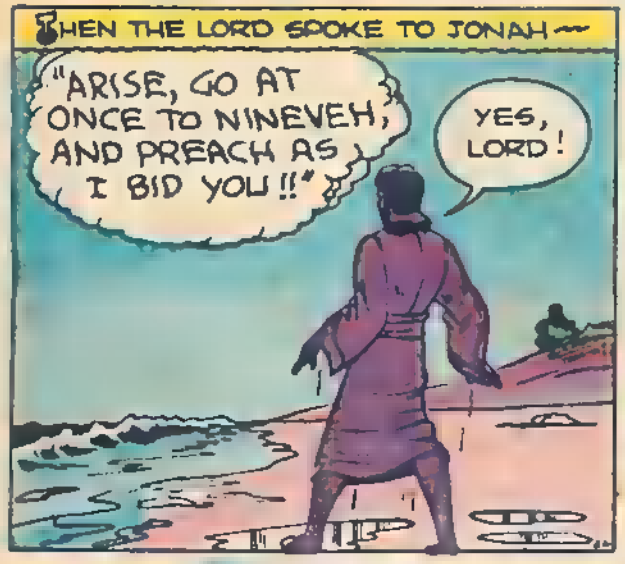
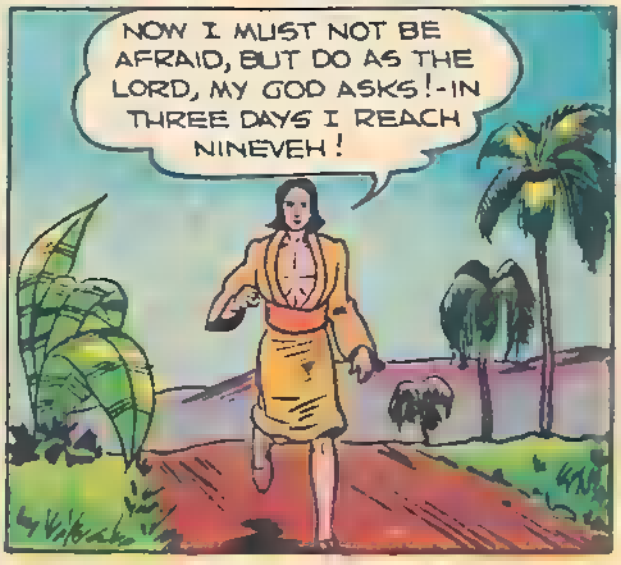
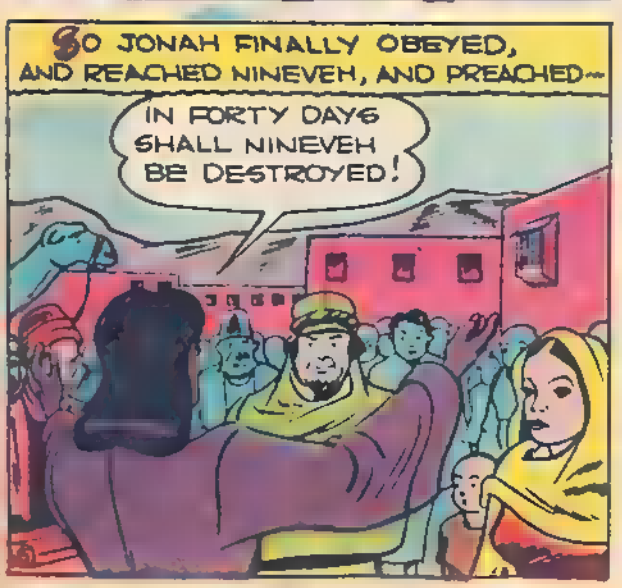

THEN THE LORD SPOKE TO JONAH—
"ARISE, GO AT ONCE TO NINEVEH, AND PREACH AS I BID YOU!!"
YES, LORD!

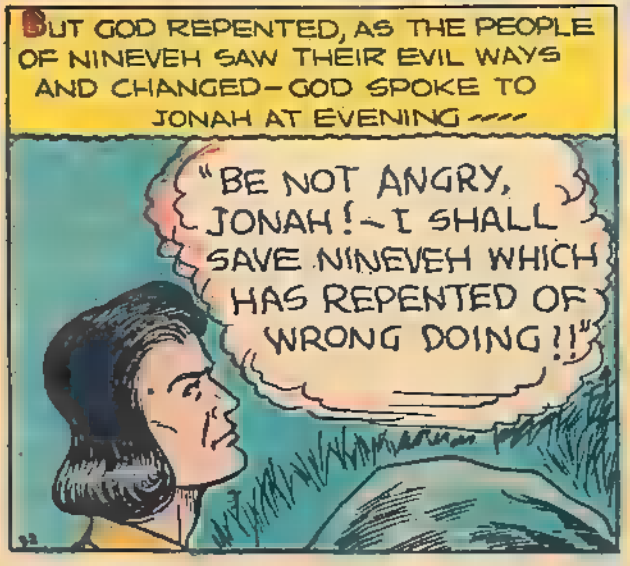

NOW I MUST NOT BE AFRAID, BUT DO AS THE LORD, MY GOD ASKS!-IN THREE DAYS I REACH NINEVEH!

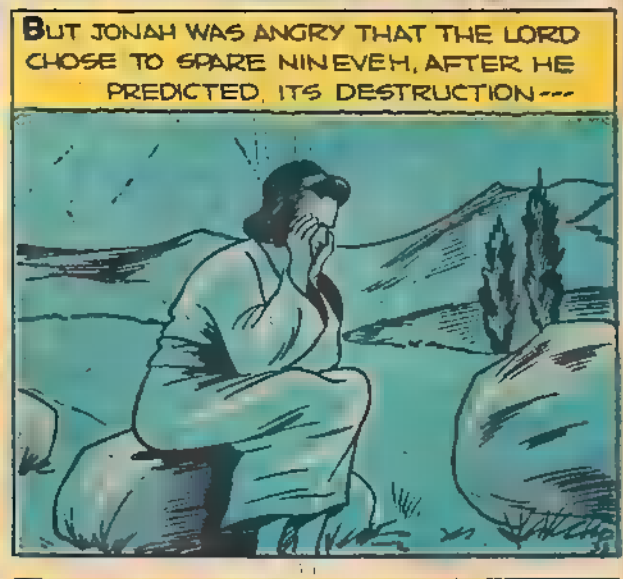

SO JONAH FINALLY OBEYED, AND REACHED NINEVEH, AND PREACHED—
IN FORTY DAYS SHALL NINEVEH BE DESTROYED!

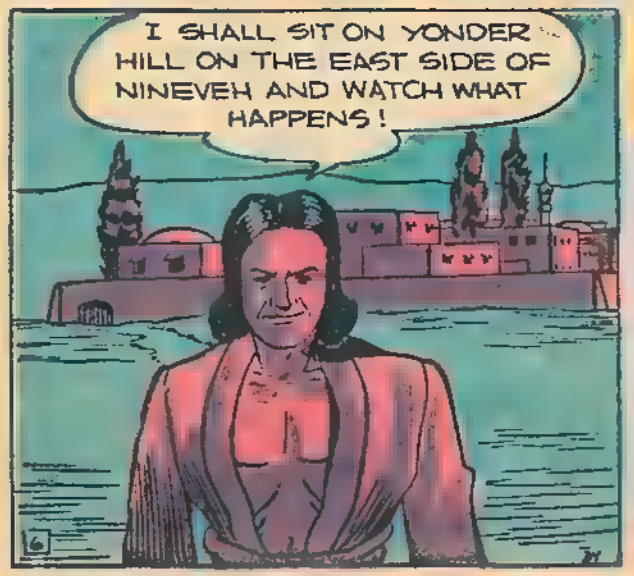
THE PEOPLE LISTENED AND REPENTED—
WE SHALL PRAY THIS DAY, TO BE SAVED FROM GOD'S WRATH!
GOD MAY YET SPARE US IF WE REPENT!

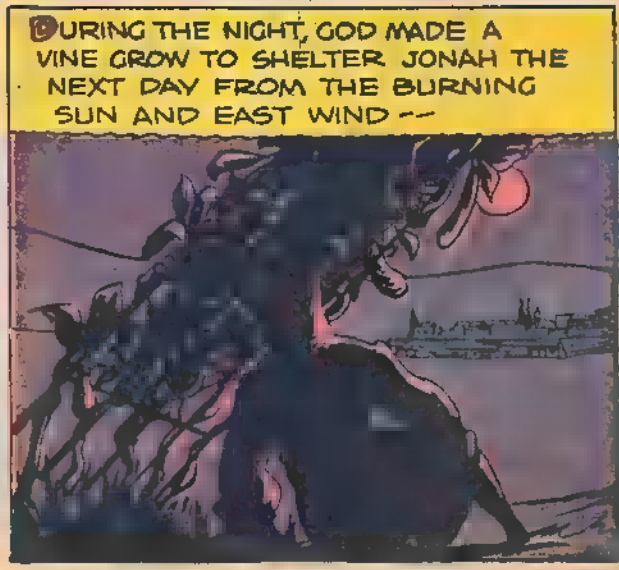
THE KING HIMSELF LAID ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBE AND ASKED THE PEOPLE TO PRAY AND FAST ~
IF MY PEOPLE TURN FROM THEIR EVIL WAYS, GOD MAY SPARE US !

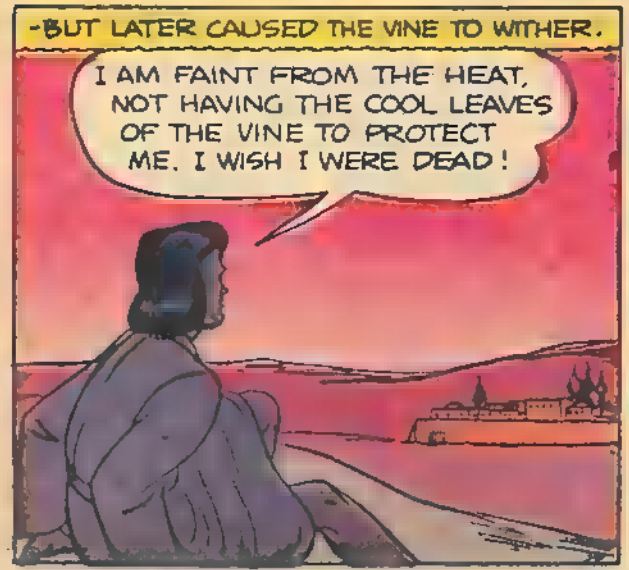
JONAH SPEAKS AGAIN IN ANGER ~~
NINEVEH SHALL FALL BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN WICKED!
BUT EVEN THE KING HAS LAID ASIDE HIS ROYAL ROBES FOR SACKCLOTH !

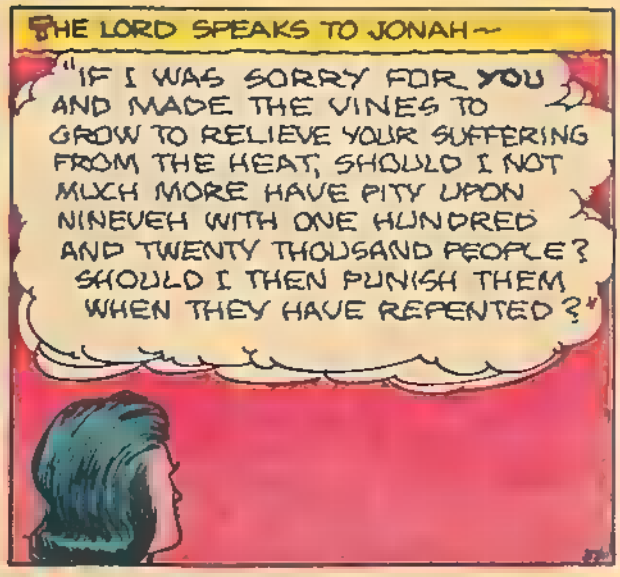

BUT GOD REPENTED, AS THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH SAW THEIR EVIL WAYS AND CHANGED – GOD SPOKE TO JONAH AT EVENING ~~~
"BE NOT ANGRY, JONAH! ~ I SHALL SAVE NINEVEH WHICH HAS REPENTED OF WRONG DOING!!"

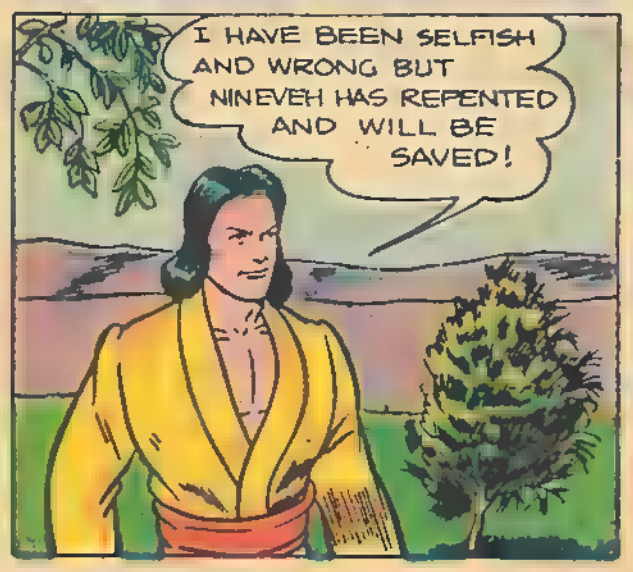

BUT JONAH WAS ANGRY THAT THE LORD CHOSE TO SPARE NINEVEH, AFTER HE PREDICTED ITS DESTRUCTION ~~


I SHALL SIT ON YONDER HILL ON THE EAST SIDE OF NINEVEH AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS !


DURING THE NIGHT, GOD MADE A VINE GROW TO SHELTER JONAH THE NEXT DAY FROM THE BURNING SUN AND EAST WIND ~~


-BUT LATER CAUSED THE VINE TO WITHER.
I AM FAINT FROM THE HEAT, NOT HAVING THE COOL LEAVES OF THE VINE TO PROTECT ME. I WISH I WERE DEAD!


THE LORD SPEAKS TO JONAH~
"IF I WAS SORRY FOR YOU AND MADE THE VINES TO GROW TO RELIEVE YOUR SUFFERING FROM THE HEAT, SHOULD I NOT MUCH MORE HAVE PITY UPON NINEVEH WITH ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND PEOPLE? SHOULD I THEN PUNISH THEM WHEN THEY HAVE REPENTED?"


I HAVE BEEN SELFISH AND WRONG BUT NINEVEH HAS REPENTED AND WILL BE SAVED!

JONAH BIDS FAREWELL TO NINEVEH, PREPARING TO GO HOME ~~
GOD HAS SEEN FIT TO SPARE YOU, SO DO THE RIGHT THING ALWAYS AND NINEVEH SHALL STAND!
NOW WE SHALL LIVE HAPPILY!!

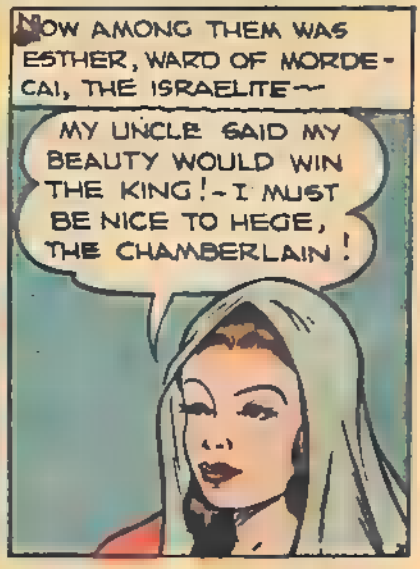
THEN, JONAH WENT HOMEWARD, CONTENTED! HIS WORK DONE AT LAST! ~~
NOW ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED, AND I NO LONGER HAVE TO BE AFRAID!
END

The Story of ESTHER

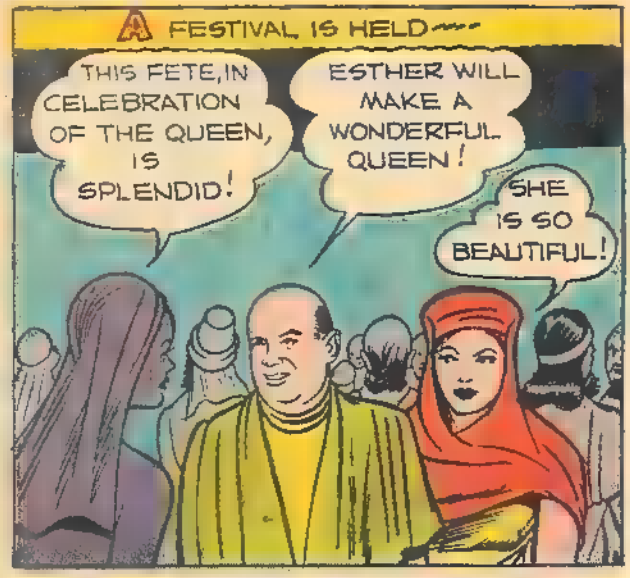
QUEEN OF PERSIA

FROM INDIA TO ETHIOPIA REIGNED A KING, WHOSE NAME WAS AHASUERUS. HE ORDERED MESSENGERS TO BE SENT THROUGHOUT THE LAND TO SEEK A FAIR MAIDEN TO BE CHOSEN FOR HIS QUEEN—

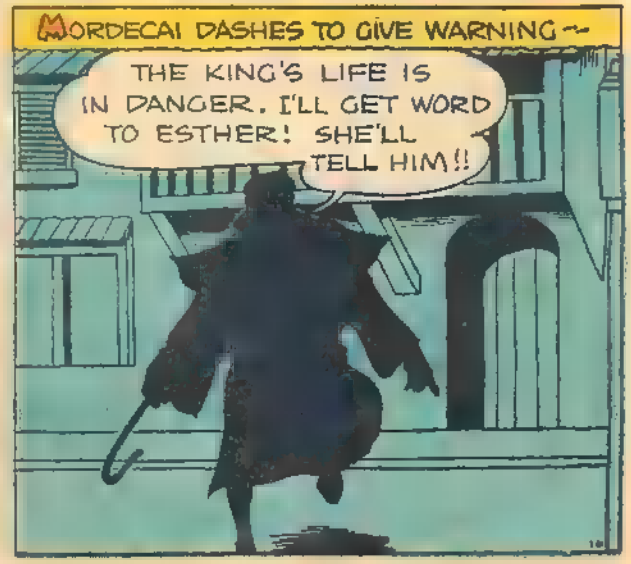
ARRANGED FROM THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

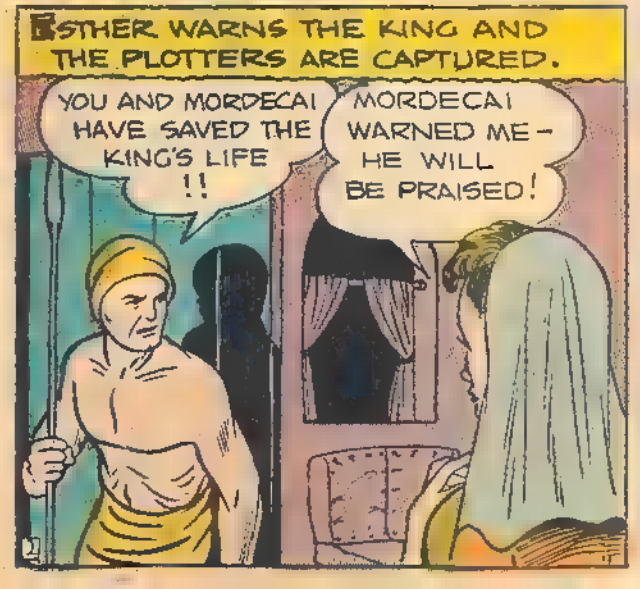


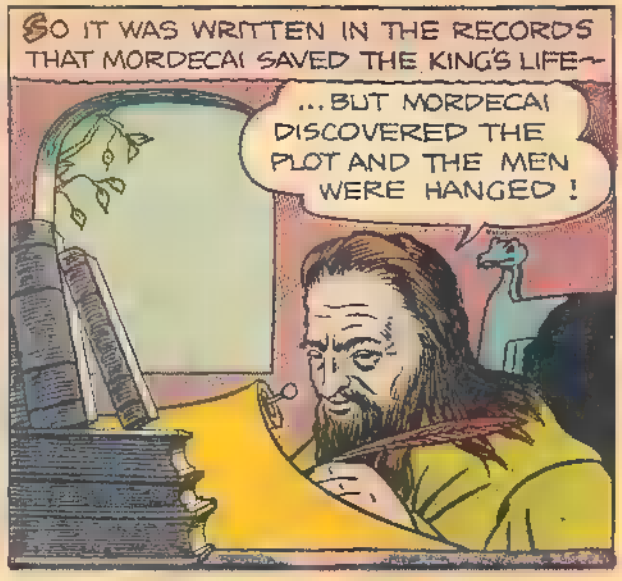
SO ESTHER IS CHOSEN QUEEN ABOVE ALL ~~
YOU ARE NOW MY QUEEN, ESTHER!
I SHALL BE FAITHFUL, SIRE!

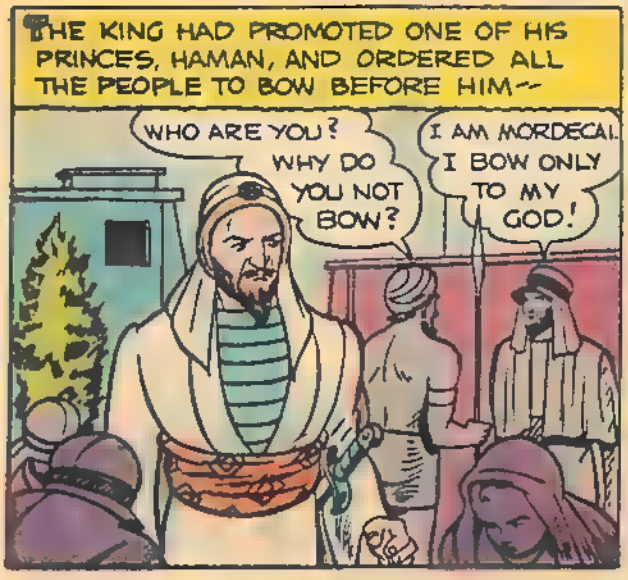

A FESTIVAL IS HELD ~~
THIS FETE, IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN, IS SPLENDID!
ESTHER WILL MAKE A WONDERFUL QUEEN!
SHE IS SO BEAUTIFUL!

DAILY, MORDECAI, ESTHER'S UNCLE, IS AT THE KING'S GATE. HE OVERHEARS A PLOT~~
ALL IS READY TO SEIZE THE KING, TERESH?
YES, BIGTHAN! - WE'LL LAY HANDS ON AHASUERUS!


MORDECAI DASHES TO GIVE WARNING ~~
THE KING'S LIFE IS IN DANGER. I'LL GET WORD TO ESTHER! SHE'LL TELL HIM!!


ESTHER WARNS THE KING AND THE PLOTTERS ARE CAPTURED.
YOU AND MORDECAI HAVE SAVED THE KING'S LIFE!!
MORDECAI WARNED ME - HE WILL BE PRAISED!

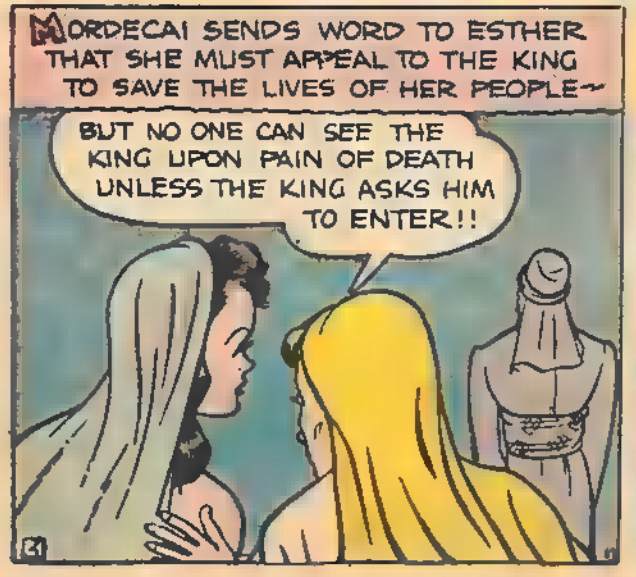

SO IT WAS WRITTEN IN THE RECORDS THAT MORDECAI SAVED THE KING'S LIFE~~
...BUT MORDECAI DISCOVERED THE PLOT AND THE MEN WERE HANGED!


THE KING HAD PROMOTED ONE OF HIS PRINCES, HAMAN, AND ORDERED ALL THE PEOPLE TO BOW BEFORE HIM--
WHO ARE YOU? WHY DO YOU NOT BOW?
I AM MORDECAI. I BOW ONLY TO MY GOD!

THAT ISRAELITE, MORDECAI, DID NOT BOW, HAMAN!
I AM WRATHFUL! HE SHALL BE MADE TO HONOR ME!!

HAMAN GOES TO THE KING WITH AN EVIL SCHEME---
CERTAIN PEOPLE DO NOT KEEP YOUR LAWS NOR SHOW RESPECT, SIRE—LET THEM BE DESTROYED!
DO WITH THEM AS SEEMS GOOD TO YOU!

I SHALL MAKE THE DECREE TO DESTROY, TO KILL, TO CAUSE TO PERISH, ALL JEWS IN ONE DAY—THE 13TH DAY OF ADAR, THE 12TH MONTH--AND TAKE THEIR PROPERTY!

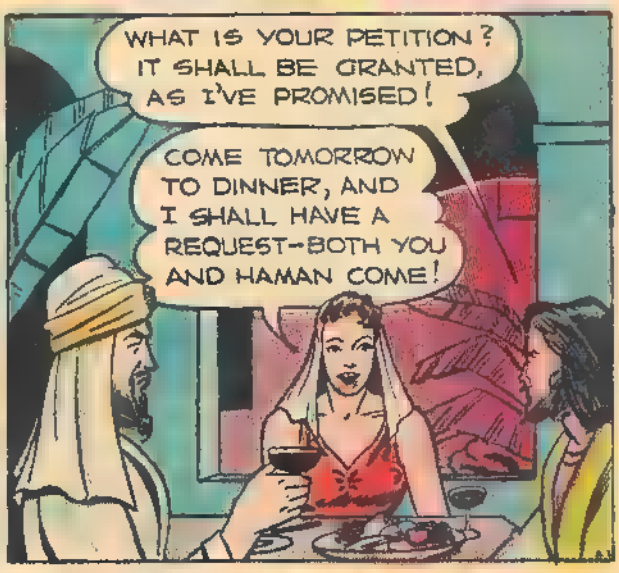

MORDECAI SENDS WORD TO ESTHER THAT SHE MUST APPEAL TO THE KING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HER PEOPLE--
BUT NO ONE CAN SEE THE KING UPON PAIN OF DEATH UNLESS THE KING ASKS HIM TO ENTER!!

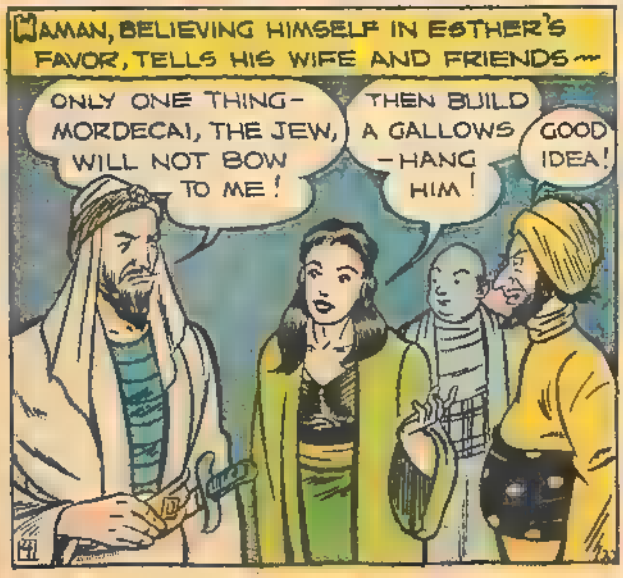
TO THIS MORDECAI SENDS WORD- "IF YOUR PEOPLE PERISH, YOU WILL PERISH. YOU MUST SAVE US!"
I'LL DO IT! LET MORDECAI AND THE JEWS FAST AND PRAY. THEN I'LL GO TO THE KING, IF I HAVE TO DIE FOR IT!

ON HEARING THE NEWS MORDECAI WEPT, BUT FASTED AS ESTHER SAID-AND ON THE THIRD DAY, SHE WENT TO THE KING----
WELCOME - WHAT IS YOUR REQUEST? IT SHALL BE GRANTED!

LET PRINCE HAMAN COME TO A BANQUET I HAVE PREPARED— HE WITH YOU!
SO BE IT!

LATER
I MUST STUDY HAMAN NOW!
I AM HONORED!

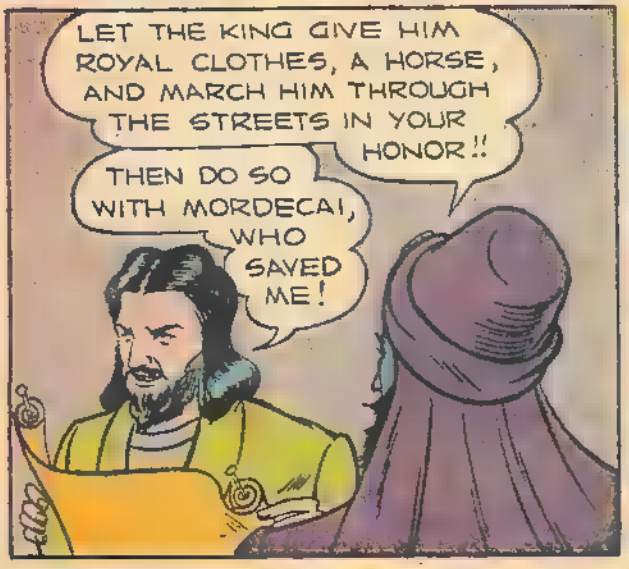

WHAT IS YOUR PETITION? IT SHALL BE GRANTED, AS I'VE PROMISED!
COME TOMORROW TO DINNER, AND I SHALL HAVE A REQUEST-BOTH YOU AND HAMAN COME!

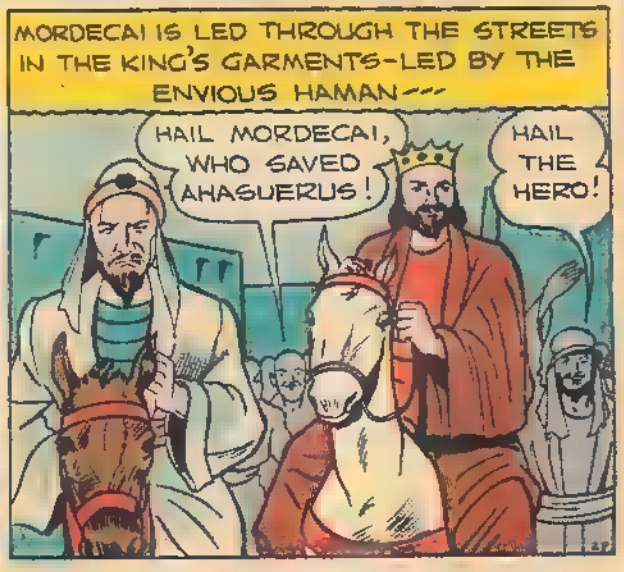

HAMAN, BELIEVING HIMSELF IN ESTHER'S FAVOR, TELLS HIS WIFE AND FRIENDS---
ONLY ONE THING- MORDECAI, THE JEW, WILL NOT BOW TO ME!
THEN BUILD A GALLOWS -HANG HIM!
GOOD IDEA!

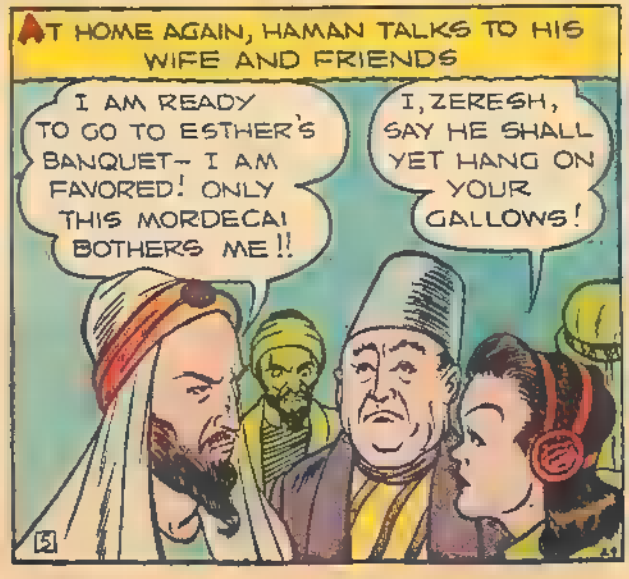
IT SHALL BE DONE AT ONCE! A GALLOWS FIFTY CUBITS HIGH! - MORDECAI SHALL HANG THERE!!

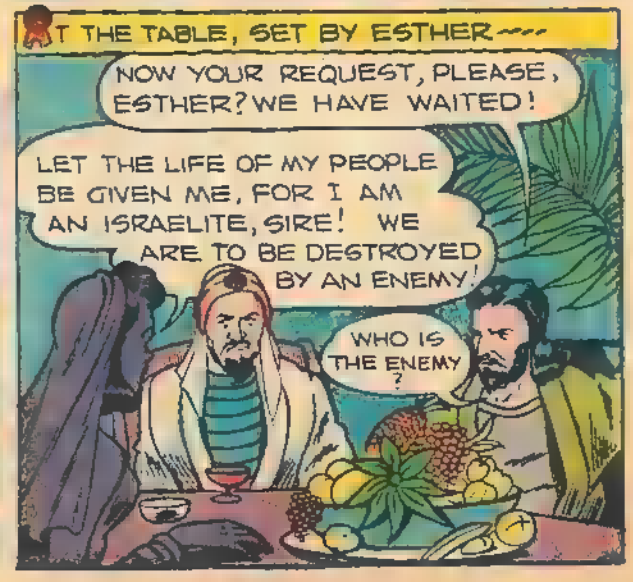
ONE NIGHT, THE KING IS LOOKING OVER THE RECORDS ~~
HAVE ANY HONORS BEEN GIVEN MORDECAI, WHO UNCOVERED THE PLOT ON MY LIFE?
NONE, SIRE!
ANY BUSINESS, SIRE?

WHAT SHALL BE DONE TO A MAN WHOM THE KING WISHES TO HONOR?
HE MEANS ME, OF COURSE!


LET THE KING GIVE HIM ROYAL CLOTHES, A HORSE, AND MARCH HIM THROUGH THE STREETS IN YOUR HONOR!!
THEN DO SO WITH MORDECAI, WHO SAVED ME!


MORDECAI IS LED THROUGH THE STREETS IN THE KING'S GARMENTS-LED BY THE ENVIOUS HAMAN ~~~
HAIL MORDECAI, WHO SAVED AHASUERUS!
HAIL THE HERO!


AT HOME AGAIN, HAMAN TALKS TO HIS WIFE AND FRIENDS
I AM READY TO GO TO ESTHER'S BANQUET- I AM FAVORED! ONLY THIS MORDECAI BOTHERS ME!!
I, ZERESH, SAY HE SHALL YET HANG ON YOUR GALLOWS!


AT THE TABLE, SET BY ESTHER ~~~
NOW YOUR REQUEST, PLEASE, ESTHER? WE HAVE WAITED!
LET THE LIFE OF MY PEOPLE BE GIVEN ME, FOR I AM AN ISRAELITE, SIRE! WE ARE TO BE DESTROYED BY AN ENEMY!
WHO IS THE ENEMY?

IT IS HAMAN WHO IS THE WICKED ONE !!
BUT—
WHAT? - IF THIS BE TRUE—

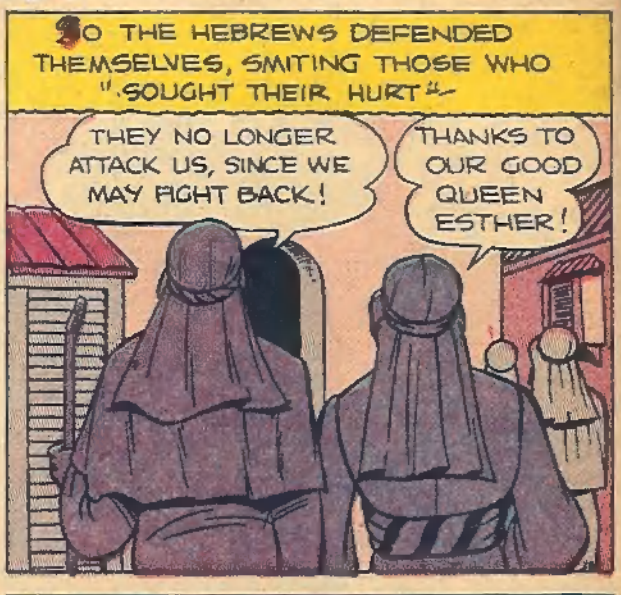
AHASUERUS WALKED ALONE IN THE GARDEN, THINKING, THEN CAME BACK---
INTERCEDE FOR MY LIFE WITH THE KING, FOR I FEAR EVIL !

THE KING RETURNS TO HIS ROOM AND CALLS HIS CHAMBERLAIN ---
WHAT'S TO BE DONE, HARBONAH?
HEAR ME, OH KING! HAMAN BUILT A GALLOWS TO HANG MORDECAI !!

THEN HANG HAMAN ON HIS OWN GALLOWS !

SO HAMAN WAS HANGED ON THE GALLOWS MEANT FOR MORDECAI ---
JUSTICE TRIUMPHS - WHAT MORE DO YOU ASK ?

LET MY UNCLE, MORDECAI, BE ADVANCED, SIRE, FOR HE IS DEAR TO ME !
I GIVE MY RING—HE SHALL RULE IN HAMAN'S PLACE AS MY FIRST PRINCE !



SO EVER SINCE THAT TIME OF ESTHER AND MORDECAI, THE ISRAELITES ALL OVER THE WORLD HAVE KEPT A HOLIDAY IN MEMORY OF THESE HAPPENINGS. THIS HOLIDAY IS CALLED PURIM!

THE END

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE BOYS and GIRLS OF AMERICA FROM HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

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Here's a way for every one of you to help your country.

Every time you buy a Savings Stamp you are helping Uncle Sam to pay for a part of a gun, plane or ship which your fathers, brothers or uncles are using for the defense of our country.

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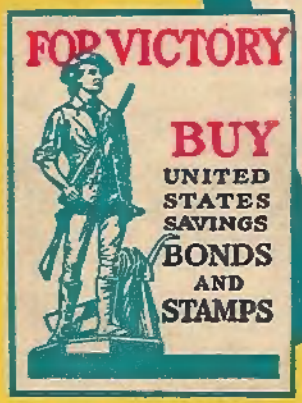
Henry Morgenthau Jr.



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